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# Arafat agrees to full security cooperation

By JAY BUSHINSKY and JON IMMANUEL

American peace envoy Dennis Ross is extending his stay by 24 hours to monitor the initial effectiveness of the newly reconstituted security cooperation between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat last night agreed to resume full security coordination with Israel, but asked that the US remain involved as "a witness" to testify that Palestinian efforts are genuine.

In his fourth meeting with Ross, a 45-minute session in Ramallah, Arafat revealed "the good news," which persuaded Ross to delay his departure for a day.

Planning Minister Nabil Shaath, one of the participants in the talks, told reporters that "Palestinians agreed to resume full security coordination, but prefer that the American side will be a witness."

This reflects the words of Arafat's adviser Nabil Abu Rudeineh, who said Monday that Arafat wants the US to be a "witness and a judge." Abu Rudeineh said last night that he would not describe yesterday's meeting as breakthrough, but hopes it would come in today's meetings.

Shaath said that the PA would "try to persuade" Israel to accept a permanent US role in security coordination. Ross is

expected to meet this morning with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to raise this matter, and then to meet again with Arafat at 5 p.m.

Ross said that the efforts would help prepare for the visit of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright later this month, and he expressed the hope that the measures would build trust.

A senior government aide lauded the US diplomat for having succeeded in "getting the sides to sit down together and in setting up a mechanism that can bring results." However, he noted that the question yet to be answered is whether this first step will be followed by additional steps "to be taken by the Palestinians."

Ross conferred with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai before entering his fourth round of talks with Netanyahu and Arafat.

Mordechai reiterated the government's view that it will be impossible to renew the bilateral negotiations with the Palestinians on outstanding issues, or to take the risks inherent in easing the security measures taken since the Mahaneh Yehuda suicide bombings two weeks ago, until there is convincing evidence the PA is taking practical measures to fight terrorism.

Sitting in on the Mordechai-Ross meeting were Chief of General Staff Lt.

Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and US Ambassador Martin Indyk.

Commenting on the progress made since his arrival last Saturday night, Ross said, "We have a beginning; we have a step in the right direction, but we need to see results. What we'll be looking for, what we'll be watching, is in fact how this process develops and whether or not it produces results."

He contended that everything must be evaluated by the test of time and that anyone who believes that the problems at hand can be solved in such a short time is not realistic.

Netanyahu agreed with Ross that security is the focal point, noting that it

includes the PA's fulfillment of its commitment to fight the terrorist organizations and their infrastructure.

We are not interested in meetings for the sake of meetings, Netanyahu went on. We are interested in meetings which are a result of ongoing activities, and in tangible results which we can see on the ground and which we can discuss at meetings. The prime minister called on the PA to imprison the terrorists' leaders as well as terrorists who are liable to carry out murderous attacks, such as the one at the Mahaneh Yehuda market.

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## Netanyahu to meet Hussein in Akaba

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's purpose in flying to Akaba today for a summit with King Hussein evidently differs from that of his royal host in inviting him.

While the king reportedly intends to urge Netanyahu to ease if not lift the two-week long closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the prime minister plans to explain why the measures must persist until the Palestinian Authority purges its domain of terror groups.

"He will explain to the king that the closure cannot be terminated until the PA changes its conduct," Netanyahu's communications director, David Bar-Ilan, said.

Paraphrasing the points Netanyahu is expected to make, Bar-Ilan said "no responsible government can ignore the demands of its security forces when they contend it will be easier to forestall and prevent another terrorist attack if a closure is imposed."

Jordanian Foreign Minister Fayez Tarouneh was quoted by Reuters as saying the monarch will ask the prime minister to modify the sanctions imposed on the PA's population since the Mahaneh Yehuda suicide bombings two weeks ago.

"There has been some relaxation of some measures," Tarouneh reportedly said, "but we are not satisfied. Many of the steps were totally unjustified."

The least controversial topic to be aired will be Netanyahu's assessment of American peace envoy Dennis Ross's sessions with Israeli and Palestinian leaders. His briefing on the Ross mission is expected to be positive and complimentary.

However, Netanyahu will stress that his "first responsibility is the safety of Israel's citizens," which he expects Hussein will understand, Bar-Ilan said.

Bar-Ilan countered Tarouneh's reference to Israel's withholding of revenues from the PA, by alleging that this money "is used mainly for the Palestinian Police." He alluded to charges that PA Police Chief Ghazi Jabali was responsible for the dispatch of personnel on a terrorist mission.

"For us to pay the salaries of those trying to kill us is ludicrous. If we see a change in the PA's stance in dealing with terrorism we will lift the sanctions on a sliding-scale principle," Bar-Ilan said.

Immediately after returning from Akaba, Netanyahu will take a four-day vacation. Informal sources said he intends to tour the northern region in a demonstration of solidarity with citizenry living within range of Katyusha rockets.

# Assad: PM is enemy of peace

## Syrian leader tells Israeli Arabs all options are open

By LIAT COLLINS and news agencies

Syria wants peace but is keeping its options open, Syrian President Hafez Assad reportedly told the visiting delegation of Israeli Arabs in Damascus yesterday.

The agreements reached with the Labor government are international agreements and anyone who

Assad welcomes letter from Barak, Page 2

denies them is not seriously seeking peace, he added.

"We will not agree to start the talks from zero and cancel those agreements we spent five years reaching," Assad said, according to Israel Radio.

He also described Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as "strange" and said he keeps changing his conditions for peace.

Assad reportedly described the current situation as "terrible" and said he hopes it does not get worse. "We want peace and if we did not there could not have been a peace process," presidential spokesman Joubran Kourieh quoted Assad as telling the 44-member

delegation, which includes Labor and Meretz MKs.

"No one likes war... and when [people] are under occupation they want to end it. War is very ugly and we hope that we will not reach something that is worse than what we have now," Assad said.

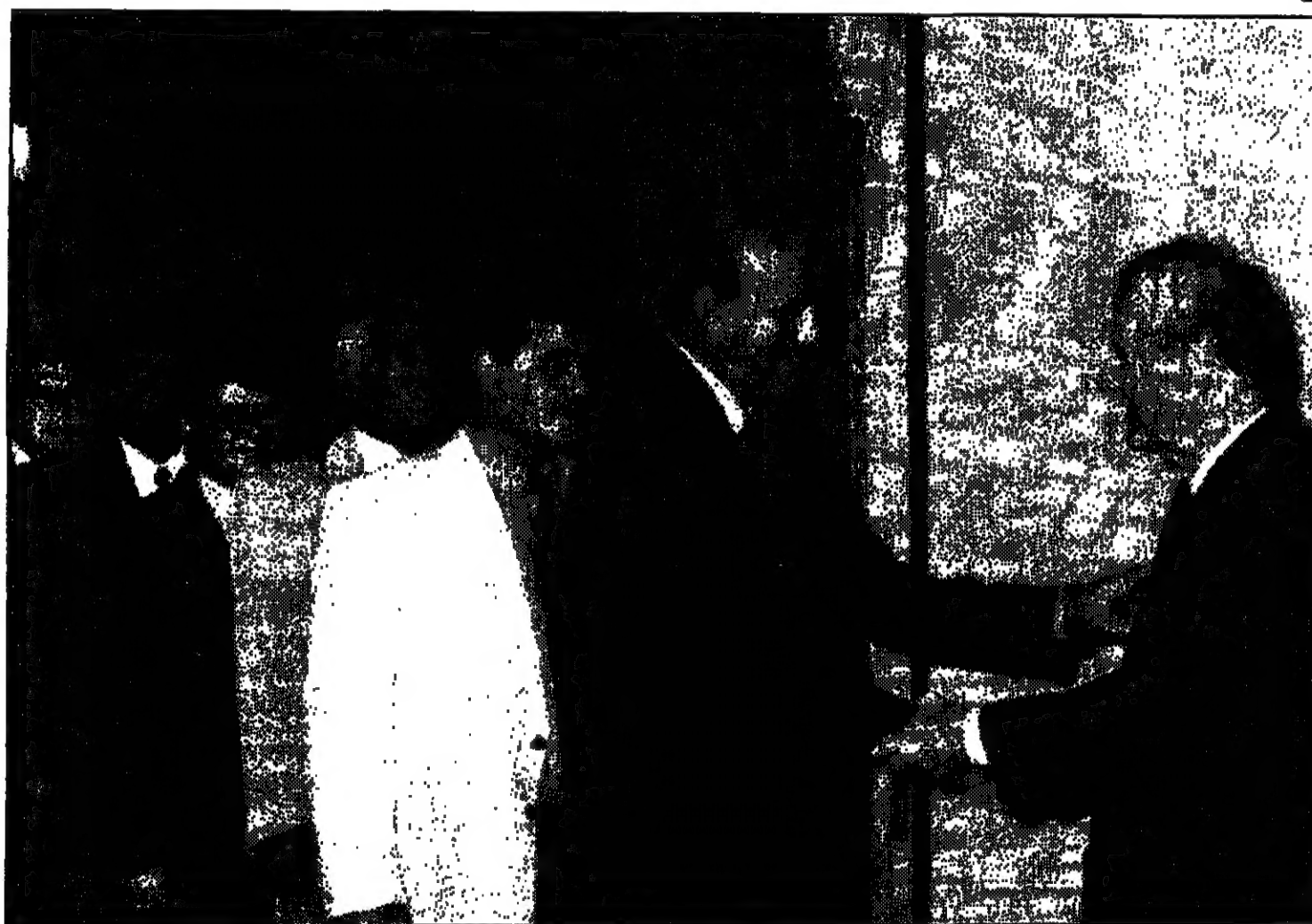
Assad also said Damascus would not accept a peace that did not return the Golan Heights to Syria.

"We will not surrender, and we will not accept [anything] but a just and comprehensive peace," he said. "Syria did not stop the peace process. The process was moving forward and Netanyahu stopped it and wants to pull it back now."

He praised the previous Labor government and its leader, Shimon Peres. He said it was easier to deal with Labor, although sometimes they argued for months over a single point.

MK Walid Sadek (Meretz) told reporters after the meeting that Assad characterized Netanyahu as "an enemy of peace" and said "his attitude might lead to dire consequences." Assad joked about Yasser Arafat but said there is no personal enmity between them. "Lately, I have learned things about him I did not know before," Assad reportedly said, but would not elaborate.

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Syrian President Hafez Assad (right) greets Labor MK Salah Tarif in Damascus yesterday. Tarif said later he 'fell in love with Assad.'

## PM fires Suissa, signs on Reform religious council appointment

By BAT SHEVA TSUR and LIAT COLLINS

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fired Religious Affairs Minister Eli Suissa late last night and signed on the papers making official the appointment of a Reform representative, Dr. Joyce Brenner, to the Netanya Religious Council, Israel Radio reported.

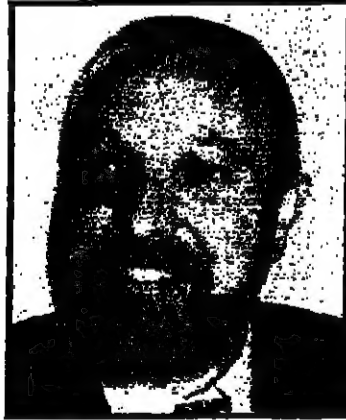
Netanyahu took this step after learning that Suissa, after meeting with Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef and MK Aryeh Deri, decided not to resign today, as he had earlier said he would. Suissa had refused to sign on the appointment, despite the High Court of Justice's ruling last week upholding it.

It was not clear whether Suissa would be reinstated to the post.

Religious parties, meanwhile, made plans to introduce bills to circumvent the ruling - a so-called High Court-bypass law, which would have synagogues choose council members. This would ensure that the councils remain bastions of the Orthodox. Media reports say Netanyahu has tacitly agreed.

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi was circumspect. "We will have to study this legislation," he said, adding that the attorney-general and Knesset would have to decide "whether it fits with existing legislative norms." At the same time, Conservative and Reform representatives were gearing up to get more members appointed to religious councils.

Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Yigal Bibi, of the National Religious Party, warned that more such appointments could cause riots. NRP head and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, who takes over



Eli Suissa

(Israel Hatzot)

the Religious Affairs portfolio in two weeks said he is worried that non-Orthodox Jews may also demand seats on religious courts.

By Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

WASHINGTON - The Palestinian Authority was expected to shut its office here last night but the Clinton administration will pursue diplomatic contacts with the authority and US assistance to Palestinian projects.

The closing, scheduled for midnight Washington time, was caused by the expiration of a law that allowed the office to operate even though the Palestine Liberation Organization is still classified as a terrorist group.

Hassan Abdel Rahman, the senior Palestinian representative, predicted that the closure would hurt peace efforts, although he would still be permitted to maintain diplomatic contacts in the US capital.

## PA forced to shut Washington office

"It's stupid, ridiculous and reckless," Rahman said yesterday. "It's a negative message to the Palestinian people. It does not in any way help to advance the peace process. On the contrary."

Overall, the impact on relations

Arafat guard sentenced to death, Page 2

between the administration and the PA will be slight. American mediator Dennis Ross is continuing meetings with the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to try to revive negotiations with Israel, and the US consulate in east Jerusalem remains in touch with Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

However, Rep. H. James Saxton is sponsoring an amendment that would impose restrictions for three months on US contact with Arafat and his organization. His aides say Saxton was motivated by reports the PA had misused contributions and by the suicide bombings in the Mahaneh Yehuda market July 30 that killed 14.

Also, the chairman of the House International Relations Committee, Rep. Benjamin Gilman, is blocking release of \$10 million in US assistance to the PA.

The Clinton administration has pledged \$500 million to the Palestinians over five years. The aid for education, water, and sewage control skirts restrictions on the PLO by going directly to projects on the West Bank and Gaza.

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## Next year in Jerusalem: Nathan's hot dogs!

By MARILYN HENRY and news agencies

Frankly speaking, Israel is getting another American import.

Eighty years after Nathan Handwerker, a Polish immigrant, first pitched his hot-dog stand in Coney Island, Brooklyn, Nathan's Famous has granted a hot-dog franchise that is to open 10 restaurants here over the next five years.

"Obviously, the fit between Nathan's and Israel is strong," said Rick Boudreaux, Nathan's executive vice president. The hot dog is a "portable product [that would be] popular in areas with food on the go."

The franchise granted to Natanel, an Israeli-Brooklyn group of investors, is Nathan's first international venture. Natanel must open a minimum of two restaurants a year for five years under its franchise agreement. The first are expected to open next year in Jerusalem and Netanya. All are to be kosher.

The group, said Nathan's president Wayne Norbitz, includes Susan Lasher, the wife of New York City Councilman Howard Lasher, her brothers, Mark and Jimmy Ligorski, and Danny Goshen, an Israeli restaurant owner.

The company had received numerous inquiries over the years from Israel.

Lasher's group offered a good prospect, because family members plan to move to Israel to work on the business, Norbitz said. They have restaurant experience and are well capitalized.

The hot-dog chain, which was sold by the Handwerker family in 1987, has expanded from a single stand in 1916 to more than 300 locations in 22 states, generating sales of nearly \$116 million last year.

Will Nathan's go kosher in its home market? "We've been approached by a group that wants the rights to open a Nathan's kosher format in the United States," said Norbitz.

### WORLDVIEW

## Marines shielding Iwo Jima monument

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) - The Air Force Memorial, planned for a site near the Iwo Jima Memorial, may be kicked off that location if the US Marine Corps and a New York congressman have their way.

Although the Air Force Memorial Foundation received site approval more than two years ago from two

key federal commissions, Rep. Gerald Solomon, (R-NY), a former Marine, was outraged when he heard from concerned neighbors recently that the monument was to be built about 500 feet from the Marine memorial.

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## NEWS

in brief

## Knesset holding special session

The Knesset is scheduled to hold another special session today, despite the summer recess, after MKs from Likud, Labor and Meretz garnered the necessary 30 signatures for a special debate.

Labor and Meretz will raise a motion on what they called the collapse of the peace process while Likud MKs asked for a debate on what they describe as the incitement of the opposition against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The National Religious Party, together with the Likud, is also asking to raise a motion on the appointment of a Reform Jew to the Netanya Religious Council.

Liat Collins

## Beit Jann residents threaten renewed protests

The residents of the Druse village of Beit Jann in western Galilee are threatening to renew their conflict with the Nature Reserves Authority over their demand to authorize the paving of a road through the Meron nature reserve from their village to nearby Horfeish.

The dispute between the villages and the NRA has been going on for several years, and has at times turned violent.

Environment Minister Rafael Eitan yesterday came out in strong support of the NRA and asked Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani to allow the NRA wardens to enter the reserve area. They have been banned from it for several weeks because it was thought their presence could escalate the tension.

Liat Collins

## CIS group making claim on Swiss banks

The latest claimant against the Swiss banks is the International Union of Ex-Minor Prisoners of Fascists, a group from the former Soviet Union.

In an interview this week with Itar-Tass, Leonid Sinegribov, union secretary, said his group intends to claim the "accounts of Nazi Germany," saying these are the only means of restoring justice.

The former prisoners previously received compensation at the rate of one mark per day of imprisonment, Itar-Tass reported.

Marilyn Henry

## Firefighters to hold solidarity strike today

All Fire and Rescue Service activities will be carried out on an emergency basis today, as the 1,500 members of the national service hold sanctions to protest against the non-payment of July salaries to their 50 Beit Shemesh colleagues.

The Histadrut noted in a statement announcing the sanctions that the provision of emergency services in a salary protest is lawful.

Jerusalem Post Staff

## Lebanese army moves against Hizbullah

By news agencies

**BAALBEK, Lebanon** — Lebanese army units moved against Hizbullah guerrillas in the Bekaa Valley yesterday, sending 700 troops and police on armored patrols in the Bekaa Valley.

Troops set up checkpoints at the entrances to Baalbek, 85 kilometers (53 miles) northeast of Beirut, and police vehicles patrolled main streets of the town.

Security officials said troops would execute about 1,000 arrest warrants against suspects in a town that has long been off limits to police.

Guerrillas meanwhile continued to violate the "Grapes of Wrath" agreement with Israel by firing anti-tank missiles at Israeli troops on operational duty in the eastern part of the security zone. The IDF suffered no casualties or damage, Itim reported. Beforehand IDF positions in the central and western sectors came under attack.

The Lebanese army set up road-

blocks on key roads to try to prevent guerrilla infiltrations into the security zone.

In Baalbek, armored cars drove past the residence of Sheikh Subhi Tufaili, the outspoken Shiite Muslim cleric who has called for civil disobedience against the Beirut government, urging followers to stop paying for public utilities and to build without permits. He also operates an uncensored radio station.

Tufaili threatened on Sunday to escalate his campaign unless the government improved conditions in the area by Sept. 13.

The arrest warrants, some of which are several years old, are made out against car thieves, drug traffickers, pirate radio operators and illegal builders, police say.

Baalbek, once famous for its annual cultural festival and Roman ruins, became notorious during the 1975-90 civil war as a center of the drug trade and a refuge for kidnappers.

## PA sentences guard to death

By JON IMMANUEL

A Palestinian military court in Nablus yesterday sentenced to death Fawzi Sawalha, a member of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's Force 17 military guard, on charges of collaborating with Israel. The case may shed light on the Israeli demand for the extradition of Gaza's police chief.

No information was released in the case to prove Sawalha was a collaborator, but it is apparently linked with the issue of Palestinian police chief Brig. Ghazi Jabali, whose extradition from Gaza Israel has demanded.

Israel says Jabali ordered attacks on settlers from Bracha in the Nablus area. According to Palestinian security sources, Jabali authorized the abduction of a collaborator named Harb Yunis living in the settlement of Bracha, near Nablus. The basis of the charge which earned Sawalha, 23, a death sentence, was an admission that he worked with Yunis.

The court charged Sawalha with leading a masked gang which in June brutally abducted and beat up villagers in Asira Shamaliya, north of Nablus in Area B, which is under Israeli security control.

Three accomplices in their early twenties received sentences from life to five years. Two of them, Khalidoun Attameh and Taher Jamlan, also belonged to Force 17. The fourth, Nasser Hamadeh, was a civilian.

In court, Sawalha and his alleged accomplices could not be identified by villagers brought as witnesses, because they had been masked during their crimes, nor could the prosecution openly explain why terrorizing villagers made the defendants collab-

orators. There was also no explanation of why the masked gang had terrorized this particular village for a few days or on what basis they selected their victims.

Bassem Eid of the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, who attended four sessions of the trial, said the defendants retracted their confessions in court and gave detailed descriptions of the torture that had led them to confess. "These included hammer blows to the head, blows to the stomach causing vomiting, and threats to rape their sisters. The judges listened, but did not order an investigation of the claims."

According to Eid, when three policemen were caught near Bracha last month they were on their way to kidnap Yunis, partly to verify the confessions of the four, and partly because he was wanted for trial in his own right. Nablus police turned to

Jabali for authorization. The shooting of settlers apparently was not authorized, but an order to kidnap a collaborator, especially one living in a settlement, would also be a violation of the Oslo Accords.

Arafat has refused to arrest Jabali, saying he has no proof that he ordered police to shoot at settlers.

At least 15 people have been sentenced to death in Palestinian security courts, though none of the sentences has been carried out. Half those sentenced are Palestinian policemen, convicted of torture and other human rights violations.

In contrast with earlier security court trials, this one was protracted, lasting nearly three weeks, and several of the sessions were open. In another innovation, the prisoners' confessions were recorded on videotape and later broadcast on local Palestinian television.

## Barak to Assad: Renew talks

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Syrian President Hafez Assad welcomed a letter sent him by Labor Party leader Ehud Barak via the Arab MKs visiting Damascus, MK Salah Tarif of Labor told Israel Radio yesterday.

"Barak asked me to pass the peace letter on to President Assad, who said after receiving it that his country could make peace with Israel if Labor were in power, because this party fulfilled the commitments undertaken by Yitzhak Rabin," Tarif said from Damascus.

Barak's message to Assad called on him to resume talks with Israel, "because talks are better than tension and confrontation."

The Likud reacted furiously yesterday to the report of Barak's message and attacked Barak for "sending a message to Assad via a delegation member who utters blatant extremist statements in favor of the law of return [for Palestinians] and against the State of Israel."

Barak expressed astonishment that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu failed yesterday to send him the message, and took the opportunity of sending a personal message to Assad.

He pointed out that the message was sent with MKs Salah Tarif and Nawaf Massalha, two Labor members of the Arab parliamentary delegation to Syria, and not with MK Abdul Darawshe, as the Likud had implied. Darawshe was the one who made statements referring to the law of return, while Tarif refused to attend the occasion on which Darawshe made that statement.

Labor spokesman Yoram Dori noted last night that Tarif is a reserve major in the IDF and blasted the Likud's racist remarks against him and other delegation members. "It would have been better had these remarks never been made," Dori said.

Barak wrote to Assad that as head of the negotiations with the Syrian chief of staff, it was clear to him that human contact and dialogue between leaders are preferable, even if they are between former enemies. He added that Labor would continue to do all it could to help resume the negotiations with Syria.

Commenting on Tarif's report last night concerning Assad's remark that there is no chance of understanding between himself and Netanyahu, Barak noted that it is with him that the peace talks must be conducted. "In every security matter there is a wide national consensus and I believe Netanyahu, too, will know how to protect Israel's security interests in the Golan," Barak said.

He expressed his belief that Assad's statement "holds the end of the thread to resume the negotiations and I welcome that."

blocking the peace process and escalating tension.

He reportedly said the Labor government had been prepared for a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights, but an agreement had not been reached because Israel insisted on "hasty" normalization of ties.

Tarif said Shara believes it would be possible to reach a solution with a Labor government.

He said Shara had told the delegation that the Arabs in Israel "are a strong power that could affect inside and outside [Israel], and from today the situation which existed before of boycotting Israeli Arab leaderships would be corrected and they will have direct contact with Syria and other Arab countries."

Shara praised Meretz and its leader, Yossi Sarid, but did not answer Sadek on the request he presented on behalf of Sarid to visit Syria.

Shara blamed Netanyahu for



## Nablus protest

Demonstrators in Nablus carry an effigy yesterday of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on the shoulders of US special envoy Dennis Ross. They later burned the effigy, as well as Israeli and US flags. While Hamas supporters were the most vocal, Arab activists, with their faces covered, paraded with Kalashnikov rifles. There have been daily rallies of thousands in Nablus, port for suicide bombers.

(This Jon Immanuel Photo: AP)

## ARAFAT

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Asked about the prospect of a visit by Albright, Netanyahu said that, bearing in mind that the PA must first start fighting the terrorist organizations' infrastructure, it is doubtful there could be any progress in the political process without this.

Ross gave one indication of supporting certain Palestinian positions, saying yesterday morning, after another meeting with Arafat, that "measures that don't relate clearly to security are measures that are not helpful and are counterproductive."

Ross's remarks were considered aimed especially at Israel's withholding of taxes owed to the PA, which the US has criticized.

Ataf Alawneh, Palestinian deputy finance minister, said at a press conference that the cutoff in taxes collected from Palestinians by Israel was \$40 million, about 60 percent of the Palestinian Authority's monthly income.

Israel, meanwhile, has slightly eased slightly the ban on Palestinian exports and yesterday the first trucks of fruit and vegetables since July 30 left Karni terminal in Gaza.

Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Mr. Jay Tuch will speak on future markets.

**SOCIAL & PERSONAL**

## Golani soldier buried

More than a thousand friends, army peers and relatives attended a funeral yesterday for Staff-Sgt. Ronen Cohen, a 20-year-old Golani bomb squad trooper killed Sunday in Lebanon.

"He always wore a smile on his face. He never complained, and always volunteered for a battle or an ambush. He gave his best," Cohen's aunt, Shoshana, said at his graveside in Moshav Kochav "Ronen, now that you are close to God, please ask him that there be no more victims."

His mother, Mazal, 47, cried bitterly. "Ronen you could never be outdone. You were a proud soldier."

A brother, Nir, 23, who had flown in from the United States, recited Kaddish along with his father, Ezra, 50. Ronen is also survived by a 14-year-old sister, Tal.

Before the funeral, the army's Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Arnon Lipkin Shahak visited two soldiers at Rambam Hospital in Haifa, wounded Aug. 8 in south Lebanon. Cpl. Nizar Amar, and Cpl. Mahed Hatib. (Itim)

## OFFICE

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Congress recessed August 1 without extending the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act, which permitted the Palestinian office to operate by certifying that the Palestinians were doing their best to implement the accords with Israel. A compromise reached that would have extended the law for

90 days was scuttled following the Mahaneh Yehuda bombing.

Although sentiment against Arafat is rising in Congress, there is a chance the law could be revived when it reconvenes next month.

"If the Palestinian Authority does its duty and increases the war on terrorism, then Congress won't have any reason to refrain from renewing the law," a senior State Department official told reporters.

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of my dear husband, our father, brother, grandfather

## Dr. CHANAN LACHMAN

The funeral will take place today, Wednesday, August 13, 1997, leaving at 12 noon from the Jerusalem Community Beit Hased (opposite the Herzog Hospital), Givat Shaul. Shiva at the home of the deceased, 11 Rehov Mahagana, French Hill, Jerusalem.

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**Captive audience**

Demonstrators outside the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv yesterday call for better treatment for military prison inmates. The protest follows a 24-hour riot over the weekend at Prison No. 6 at Atlit, when inmates took guards hostage. (Dana Stern/Israel Sun)

**HEBREW PRESS REVIEW** MICHAEL YUDELMAN

**US Jews in no one's pocket**  
It is not difficult to discern a warning signal towards the White House and American administration in the reactions from the Prime Minister's Office to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's speech at the National Press Club last week, writes *Ha'aretz's* Zeev Schiff.

These warnings, at times issued via Israeli political commentators, advise the White House not to push Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to the wall, for he has "divisions" in the US, mainly in the form of Jewish clout.

Schiff, who perceives the warnings as Netanyahu's flexing his muscles in anticipation of the final-status talks, points out two grave mistakes in this attitude. First, you don't threaten, even in hints, our large strategic friend and especially such a supportive administration as President Clinton's. Second, it is not certain US Jewry is fully behind Netanyahu, as people in his office believe, he says.

Clinton, Schiff continues, has been receiving entirely different messages from Jewish leaders, indicating a change is taking place in US Jewry's position towards Israel, because of Netanyahu's government. The turning point was especially noticed following the preliminary passage of the conversion bill, but also derives from the suspicion that Netanyahu is leading the peace process to a dead end, writes Schiff. Some of these Jewish leaders are urging Clinton explicitly to exert pressure on Netanyahu.

In general, the assessment in the Foreign Ministry and Israeli Embassy in Washington, in contrast to the one in the Prime Minister's Office, is that American Jewish support of Netanyahu is not automatic, and cannot be taken for granted before every move.

**Plan to raise unemployment**

Hanna Kim writes in *Ha'aretz* that it is not certain the Treasury's "plan to increase growth," which is being considered by the cabinet, will do so. What is certain is that the plan will increase unemployment, harm the pension rights of the workers who haven't been fired yet and shatter the stability of the last safe saving fund they have left.

The damage to the workers' pension plans is especially malicious, notes Kim, since it puts the workers in a state of constant uncertainty: They know how much they pay each month for their pension, but they don't know how much they'll get in return when they retire. At the same time, people fired after 20 to 25 years of work are going to find it harder to collect unemployment compensation, as though this is charity by the government, rather than a right the workers have paid for every month in deductions to the National Insurance Institute.

In preparation for the battle on the budget and this plan, Netanyahu has managed to delegitimize the Histadrut and give it an image of an element blocking the economy's development. But the one really blocking the economy's development is neither the Histadrut nor the work-

ers. Low wage costs, which the government is trying to instate, are characteristic of Third World and developing countries, while developed states have high labor costs, she points out.

Wherever there is cheap mass labor, there is less motivation to develop the economy, technology and science. The Histadrut must therefore fight this plan to prevent the continued erosion of workers' rights, stop the persecution of the unemployed and provide an answer to its own delegitimization.

**Political appointments**

Of the controversial appointment of Foreign Minister David Levy's protégé, Shmuel Siso, as consul-general in New York, Nahum Barnea in *Yedioth Aharonot* observes that appointments in Israel are not made on the basis of a candidate's former success, but of where he served previously, or rather, where he was kicked out of.

As examples he brings two other proteges of Levy's, Uri Oren and Dror Zeigerman, who, despite having failed at all their former positions, were appointed ambassadors in South Africa and Britain, respectively.

Minister Rafael Eitan is the classic Israeli example, says Barnea: "Eitan, whose wretched term as chief of staff was ended by a state inquiry commission, failed as agriculture minister in one term, so was therefore sent to complete a second term in the same ministry. Eitan, who appointed his former driver director-general of his first ministry, and his political assistant director-general of his second ministry."

Barnea blasts Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander for opposing Siso's appointment, as did ministers Eitan and Natan Sharansky. For this same Hollander didn't utter a peep when the prime minister's director-general Avigdor Lieberman made a series of unworthy, completely political appointments, and even boasted about it in the media. Nor did Hollander open his mouth when Levy appointed Oren and Zeigerman, notes Barnea.

Siso may seem inadequate, he grants. He has no experience and no background in working with Jewish organizations in New York. His knowledge of America is superficial and his chances of dealing with the New York media successfully are slim.

However Siso, who was a success story as Kiryat Yam mayor, should have no difficulty being more balanced than Eitan, more courageous than Hollander, harder working than Oren and more representative than Lieberman. Let's cross our fingers for him, says Barnea.

**Telephone harassment**

Yoel Marcus in *Ha'aretz* focuses on the various forms of telephone intrusion by pollsters and aggressive salespeople, which he says have become a national plague, turning the telephone into the enemy within.

"It usually happens at the most infuriating time. Just when you're in the shower or standing on a ladder taking down winter clothes from storage, or riveted to the evening news - the phone

rings. In this situation there is nobody more anxious than the average Israeli - he will descend any ladder in any state, emerge half naked from the bath, only to answer the phone."

On the other end of the line, someone called Anat or Shiri or Miri tries to sell you a subscription to the Cameri, or a time-share apartment or a place in an old folks' home. Or it's someone asking for a contribution to some cause, or scaring you into getting an emergency ambulance service. The most intrusive are the pollsters, who ask you what television station you're watching, how much you and your

wife make, what car you drive, how many rooms are in your apartment and whom you vote for.

"The worst telephone intruder is the one who knows about us more than we imagine. Death in the family? Tele-something offers you a tombstone at a bargain. Registered to be married at the Rabbinate? Tele-gifts is on the line. Passed the age of 60? They offer you diapers for older people. The information reservoirs from Bezek, the banks, and credit cards, are wide open and know everything about us," laments Marcus. "It's the vision of 1984 come true."

## Yarkon toxins caused delayed drownings

By JUDY SIEGEL

Some victims of the Maccabiah footbridge collapse suffered a delayed drowning reaction believed caused by toxins in the Yarkon River, a Health Ministry report issued yesterday says.

The report by Ministry director-general Prof. Gabi Barabash said that victims apparently inhaled poisonous substances, mostly hydrocarbons found in heavy fuels, which can cause lipid pneumonia and damage the heart and kidneys. Tests were still being conducted on Yarkon water to determine which toxins are present.

An ordinary drowning victim can often be revived without suffering heart damage, but some Maccabiah victims suffered heart failure because they developed respiratory distress only hours or even two days after the accident, the report said.

For these victims, it was "not a case of simple drowning," said Barabash, who submitted his Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled, the chief investigator of the July 13 tragedy which occurred minutes before the opening ceremony for the Maccabiah Games in Ramat Gan.

Family and friends of Warren

Zines, the accident's fourth fatality, who was buried in Australia Monday, accused Israel of being nonchalant about the probe.

Zines' son, Adam, who spent three weeks at his father's bedside, called it "a disgrace that something like this happened, it showed a total lack of respect for human life."

"They need to be punished for what they have done. Their attitude that everything will be all right is not good enough," Zines told Israel Radio. "I am very angry at the attitude of the Israeli people. I know it is not all Israelis, but the attitude has got to change."

## Israel to sign convict-transfer treaty with Thailand

By BAT SHEVA TSUR

Israel and Thailand are to sign a treaty today authorizing the transfer of prisoners from one country to the other.

The agreement falls under a law, passed last year by the Knesset, governing the transfer of prisoners between countries. It enables Israeli citizens serving time in foreign jails to be transferred to Israel where they will continue their imprisonment. The law also allows the same privileges to foreigners imprisoned in Israeli jails.

Three Israelis who have been imprisoned in Thailand for a minimum of eight years will be eligible to apply to the Thai authorities for transfer, Justice Ministry spokesman Ety Eshed said yesterday. But another three do not meet the criteria, she said. Most of the Israelis were jailed for drug abuse. The number of Thai citizens jailed in Israel was not available.

According to the agreement, a prisoner must have served a third of his sentence or at least four years in the foreign jail in order to be eligible for transfer.

Thailand has signed a similar agreement with six other countries and has stressed that it has especially friendly ties with these countries, Eshed said.

## 4 yeshiva students held for murder

Four yeshiva students have been arrested in the killing yesterday of Mahmoud Abu Sara, 74, a gas-station attendant in the Sheikh Jarrah section of Jerusalem. Abu Sara died trying to prevent the suspects from driving off without paying for gas.

Late yesterday afternoon, two yeshiva students, aged 18 and 22, apparently passengers in the car, gave themselves up to police.

Police had sought arrest warrants for the other two, whose identities were known to them, but the two - one of whom is the driver - turned themselves in before the warrants could be served. The two remaining suspects, also yeshiva students, are 20 and 15. All four are to be brought before a judge today for a remand hearing.

After their car filled up at the gas station early yesterday morning, the driver attempted to speed off without paying for the gas.

Abu Sara grabbed onto one of the car's windows in an attempt to get the driver to stop. The driver kept going, however, and dragged the attendant hanging from the window for several hundred meters, until the car passed close to a line of parked vehicles and Abu Sara was slammed into a stationary van and fell to the ground. A Magen David Adom doctor pronounced him dead. The four later abandoned the car. (Itim)

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# Conservatives to pursue complaint against police

By JONATHAN TEPPERMAN  
and news agencies

A Conservative Jewish group that was forcibly ejected from the Western Wall plaza on Monday night for holding a mixed prayer service raised new questions yesterday about the propriety of the police action against it, claiming that they had received the nod for the service from the authorities.

So far, what is certain is that roughly 200 members of an egalitarian prayer group were pushed from the plaza Monday night by police, who had originally assigned the group a cordoned-off area in which to hold their Tisha Be'av service.

What is also certain is that the eviction followed an order from Oded Weiner, director of the Religious Affairs Ministry's Holy Sites Authority, who decided that the group's co-ed prayers violated the religious customs governing the Western Wall.

Weiner was unavailable for comment yesterday because his office was closed for Tisha Be'av. Police are claiming that the eviction was necessary to protect the Conservatives from the threat of violence posed by angry haredim who surrounded the Conservatives once their egalitarian service began.

According to Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki, "there were thousands of worshippers present, and it looked as though their feelings were offended."

But Conservative spokesman

Einat Ramon disputes this claim.

First, she points out that the mixed service should not have been problematic since it did not occur right in front of the Wall, where men and women are separated, but rather in the outer plaza, where men and women commonly mix. "Only Conservative Jews are singled out for praying," she said.

Ramon also denies the claim that the police acted to protect the

Conservative group.

"There was barely any haredi violence," she said. "There were a few screaming and cursing - but instead of stopping them, the police attacked us. The order to evacuate us had nothing to do with the haredim."

According to eyewitnesses, some haredim actually acted to protect the Conservative worshippers.

According to Rabbi Andrew Sacks, the group was first asked to

pray somewhere other than the Wall plaza. Once it refused, however, Sacks says that police told the group that they did not in fact need permission, and that they would be protected by the police so long as their actions were "in keeping with the custom of the place."

Just what is the "custom of the place" remains unclear. According to Weiner, local custom precludes mixed prayer anywhere in the Western Wall area. But Hilar Keren, legal counsel for the Conservative movement, says that the group has held egalitarian prayers in the outer area over 100 times before, and since objections have rarely been raised, they now constitute legitimate local custom.

According to members of the Conservative group, the police response was not only inappropriate but was also excessive. "People were punched and pushed," Rabbi Elrud Bendel told Army Radio. "Young women were knocked down in the most terrible manner, and I myself am still rubbing sore ribs."

"We felt they were unreasonably violent," added Ramon. "It wasn't enough to kick us out of the plaza - they pushed us out of the Old City! Even if Weiner gave an order that we had to leave the Wall, should he have been able to stop us from praying in a bus station in the Old City?"

Police have promised to look into the matter. Yitzhaki said yesterday that "if there was reckless force used by one or two police officers, we will investigate those complaints."

## US Conservative leaders decry police eviction

By MARILYN HENRY

The police action against the Conservative worshippers at the Western Wall on Monday night was "repugnant," leaders of the Conservative movement in the US said yesterday.

"The issue is not just of the haredim, but of Israel's society determining what the future course of religious freedom will be in the Jewish state," said William Lebeau, the director of the Conservative movement's theological school at the Jewish Theological Seminary. "The action of the police was reprehensible."

"The police were supposedly there to protect them," said Alan Adas, the international president of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Adas said that the Conservative movement in the US is deeply concerned about the police action. "We are deeply concerned about the police action," he said. "We are deeply concerned about the police action." "We are deeply concerned about the police action," he said. "We are deeply concerned about the police action."

## Math Olympians bring home laurels

By JUDY SEGEL

All six team members representing Israel in last week's International Mathematics Olympiad in Argentina have returned with a medal. Israel's delegation of high school pupils took 22nd place out of 82 countries, and it was the first time that each of the Israeli contestants had received an award.

Dr. Shai Giron, a member of the mathematics department at the Haifa Technion who headed the delegation and trained the teenagers, said that only 16 other national delegations received a medal for each of

its members. China won the competition, followed by Hungary and Iran.

The Israeli competitors were Eli Dasiatnikov of Ashdod (silver medal), Doron Puder of Haifa, Shahar Lovet of Kfar Sava, Tom Yovel of Jerusalem, Roman Dovgud of Tel Aviv, and Natan Keller of Haifa (the last five won bronze medals).

Considering the limited resources available for training the team, compared to other high-powered national teams, the Israeli achievement is unparalleled, Giron said. The Israeli team, selected and trained by the Technion, is funded by the Education Ministry.

## NIS 500,000 to promote Galilee tourism

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav and the Treasury have agreed to allocate NIS 500,000 to promote domestic tourism to the Galilee. Katsav told the cabinet on Sunday the campaign is necessary to ensure that northern tourist-related businesses do not suffer from recent events in Lebanon and last week's Katyusha rocket attack, since more than half their income is earned during the summer.

Jerusalem Post Staff



Temple Mount Faithful leader Gershon Salomon (left) and his followers march yesterday towards the Mugrabi Gate on the Temple Mount. (Rim Hendler)

## 'Faithful' march on Temple Mount

By JONATHAN TEPPERMAN

Some 50 members of the Temple Mount Faithful observed Tisha Be'av yesterday by attempting to enter and pray on the Temple Mount. When repulsed by police, the group staged a sit-in and prayer session, blocking the western entrance to the Mount for almost three hours.

"The agents of the murderer Arafat control the Temple Mount and want to take Jerusalem from the Jewish people," said Gershon Salomon, the group's leader. "We came here to protest against this terrible situation, in which Jews cannot walk free in the third commonwealth, but must come to the place like foreigners."

Accompanying the group of approximately 100 zealots was Yehuda Etzion, who is barred from the Mount following several recent arrests for violating police regulations on prayer there.

"What Moshe Dayan did when he gave control to the Arabs is the same as what our enemies did when they destroyed the First and Second Temples," Etzion said. "Netanyahu and the Chief

Rabbinate have treated us like dogs and chased us away from our proper place and our heritage. It should be holiest place in Israel," he said.

In staging their attempt, members of the group ignored warnings from police and the Chief Rabbinate Council, which has forbidden Jews from praying in the area. They also disregarded the warning of Waqf head Adnan Hussein, who recently told the Voice of Palestine radio that Jewish attempts to pray on the Temple Mount would be met with violence.

After reading from the Book of Lamentations for over an hour, members of the Temple Mount Faithful wandered down into the Western Wall plaza and into the Old City. Dressed in sackcloth, baseball hats, and chains, waving banners and flags, they set off on a march through the Moslem Quarter, chanting "Jerusalem for Jews" and "The Temple Mount is for Jews."

The group visited a number of city gates in turn, gradually dwindling in size and enthusiasm. By the time they reached the Damascus Gate, the remaining Temple Mount Faithful were practically outnumbered by their police and military escort.

## New surgical method for damaged disks

By JUDY SEGEL

An endoscopic operation to repair damaged spinal disks - claimed to be the first of its kind in the world - was performed this week on a woman at Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava.

Using an endoscope inserted at the waist, the team headed by Dr. Thai Preisem reached her dislocated

disk. A second endoscope, introduced via a small incision at the stomach, reached the area between the two vertebrae, where it inserted a tiny titanium coil-filled bone in place of the damaged disk.

Preisem learned endoscopy in the treatment of spinal problems while in the US, but changed the insertion from the abdomen to the side. He said the new tech-

nique, called retroperitoneal endoscopy, requires a much shorter recovery than the conventional procedure of opening the back.

He stressed, however, that the operation should be performed only on those who have suffered severe lower-back pain for over six months and have not been helped by conservative treatments.

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# Clinton uses line-item veto

New power, used to undo tax breaks, can affect legislation tactics

By JOHN F. HARRIS

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — President Bill Clinton, exercising a power that presidents have coveted for more than a century, used his new line-item veto authority Monday to strike down three items in the tax and spending bills he signed into law last week.

Clinton said his vetoes would "ensure that national interests prevail over narrow interests" by eliminating what he called "unjustifiable or wasteful" spending and tax breaks that would cost an estimated \$615 million over five years.

But his action drew sharp protests from those it affected, as well as Republicans who said it violated the spirit of the bipartisan budget accord celebrated at a White House signing ceremony last week.

The line-item veto law, which Clinton signed last year and which was part of the GOP's "Contract With America" before the 1994

elections, is designed to give the president the ability to reject special-interest measures that are routinely attached to major legislation to avoid a debate on their merits.

Aides said Clinton, despite what officials called unguessed-of caution from Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, was determined to use the authority at the first opportunity. In an Oval Office ceremony Monday, he said the vetoes would serve for lawmakers as a "deterrent against the most egregious kinds of projects that would otherwise not be funded."

But his action Monday raised the prospect of protracted campaigns to overturn the vetoes in Congress or to challenge the constitutionality of the entire line-item veto law in the courts.

Two of the items Clinton vetoed were from the tax side of the balanced-budget accord he enacted and one was from the spending side.

All three involved highly complicated provisions — not the local road projects, tourism subsidies and the

like that critics usually point to when railing against "pork-barrel spending."

One of the tax vetoes was against a provision that would allow US-based insurance companies, banks and investment firms to delay taxes from overseas income. Administration officials said the measure, with an estimated cost of \$317 million over five years, had some merit but was loosely drawn and could be easily abused to allow businesses to use off-shore tax havens to escape paying taxes.

The other tax veto was against an item that administration and congressional tax experts said would primarily benefit a single transaction: the sale by a Texas businessman of sugar beet processing plants to a Utah-based cooperative of farmers. The savings are estimated at \$98 million a year.

Finally, on the spending side, Clinton struck down a measure that let New York State operate under

special rules that allowed it to get higher Medicaid payments from the federal government. Treasury officials estimated the five-years savings on this to be \$200 million.

Gov. George Pataki (R) called the veto a "body blow" to his state's health care system, and pledged that his administration "will fight in Congress and in the courts" to reverse the veto.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, a champion of the line-item veto, objected to Clinton's using it on tax and spending bills that had been passed after protracted bipartisan negotiations.

A spokeswoman said Gingrich felt "blindsided" by Clinton's action, and said the fact that administration officials waited until the budget accord was reached before raising the objections showed "these vetoes may have less to do with sound policy and more to do with petty politics."

## ANALYSIS

## New veto no panacea

By CLAY CHANDLER

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — In wielding his line-item veto pen for the first time Monday, President Clinton said he meant to "send a signal that the Washington rules have changed for good." Apparently, the signal lost something in transmission.

Even as Clinton scratched three narrow proposals from balanced budget and tax legislation he signed last week, interest groups — along with the lawmakers and lobbyists who represent them — were hatching legislative and political strategies to protect such future provisions from a similar fate. Tax proposals in particular offer many opportunities to circumvent the intention of the president's new authority.

The conclusion drawn by many Washington budget experts was not that the line-item veto had abolished what Clinton called "the old game of slipping a provision into a massive bill in hope that no one will notice." Rather, the dominant view was that Clinton's use of his new veto powers means simply the old game will now require a bit more skill.

Interest groups "are going to take much greater care in drafting their provisions," said Rick Grafmeyer, director for tax policy at the accounting firm of Ernst &

Young and a former Senate Finance Committee staffer.

On the tax side, fiscal experts already are contemplating measures to ensure pet proposals have more than 100 beneficiaries. That is because the line-item veto law only grants the president authority to eliminate tax provisions after they have been certified by Congress's Joint Committee on Taxation as benefiting fewer than 100 people or firms in a single year.

Analysts Monday suggested a number of strategies for getting off the Joint Committee's hit list, including:

- Structuring corporate tax breaks so they benefit shareholders rather than firms. Clinton aides had targeted a tax break benefiting Amway Corp., but because the provision was tied to dividends it did not make the veto list.

- Pairing large tax breaks for a handful of beneficiaries with similar small breaks spread among a large number of beneficiaries.

- Clumping tax breaks in broad, catchall categories wherever possible to expand the number of beneficiaries.

Consider a provision vetoed by Clinton that would have granted a \$317 million tax break to banks, securities firms and insurers doing business overseas. More than 100

financial institutions would benefit from that provision. But because some of the firms use different accounting periods than others, most would claim the break immediately while a handful of stragglers would not do so until 1999.

Grafmeyer argues that the firms could have stayed off the veto list had they made sure everyone claimed their benefit in the same fiscal year.

Indeed, he contends that as many as three-quarters of the 79 provisions singled out by congressional tax analysts as subject to the line-item veto, could have kept off the veto list with similarly modest technical adjustments.

On the spending side, legislative analysts expect lawmakers to seek protection for pet spending proposals by grouping them with initiatives favored by the president. That is because the line-item veto gives the president power to strike an entire spending item from a bill but does not give him authority to reduce the expenditure of that item by a specific amount.

A congressman seeking money for new roads or bridges in his district might wedge it in an environmental spending bill favored by the White House — without identifying a specific dollar amount for the project.



Spanish mosque

Saudi Prince Abdulaziz al-Saud (third from right) helps to lay the cornerstone of an Islamic cultural center and mosque in Malaga, Spain, on Monday. The structure will serve the Arab population of southern Spain. (AP)

## California governor OK's welfare reform

By VIRGINIA ELLIS

SACRAMENTO (Los Angeles Times) — After months of partisan warfare and weeks of hard-nosed bargaining, Governor Pete Wilson signed into law a historic reform package Monday transforming welfare in California into a program that provides only temporary aid to the poor and requires work in return for assistance.

With legislative leaders standing at his elbow, the Republican governor formally set into motion revolutionary changes in the welfare law that will affect 2.3 million people, mostly women and children who depend on government assistance for the basic necessities of life. "This was not an easy task, but in the end the effort produced a solution based on very sound and very equitable principles," Wilson said. "From now on, public assistance in California will be temporary, it will be a transition, it will be strictly time-limited," he said.

The new program, named CalWORKS and slated to go into effect January 1, will limit to 24 months the time current recipients can be on aid.

It also will provide community service positions for those who reach that limit and cannot find work, require recipients to participate in job searches and job training and penalize those who refuse to accept a valid job offer.

Mirroring a federal welfare reform act passed a year ago, the program sets a five-year lifetime limit for adults to receive aid, but at the same time it obligates the state to make massive investments in job training and child care to ease

their movement into the work force.

In the first year, state officials estimate \$1.3 billion will be spent on child care and \$530 million on employment.

Because of the investments in child care and training, the \$7 billion-plus welfare program initially will not produce savings. And, in the first year, the *Legislative Analyst* estimates welfare spending will increase by \$223 million.

But the program — designed to comply with the new federal law — is expected to significantly reduce welfare rolls in the next five years and result in cost reductions.

Legislative leaders, many of whom only a week ago were exchanging barbs with the governor, praised the reform package as an example of compromise at its best.

## Clinton and Blair: A trans-Atlantic love affair

By AUDREY GILLAN

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — British Ambassador Sir John Kerr jokingly told a recent luncheon that he was returning to his homeland because there was nothing left for him to do in Washington. President Clinton and the British prime minister, Tony Blair, are getting on so well, he said, that the opportunity for diplomats to heal any political rifts seems to have gone.

The so-called special relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom has become something of a "new special relationship" in the months since the May 1 election of the New Labor government in Britain. Whenever the two leaders meet, the ambassador said, they can be seen huddled in a corner

shooting the breeze like old friends. Conversation can range from welfare policy and education to guitar riffs and how to raise a child out of the public eye.

The closeness of the new special relationship was to be reaffirmed next month when Blair was to make his first official visit to Washington. But the two leaders cannot find a date that suits them.

Clinton wants to help daughter Chelsea settle in at Stanford University and Blair has both political and family commitments.

A British Embassy spokesman said there is no "lack of desire for the visit. It purely is a diary problem." Marsha Berry, a spokeswoman for Hillary Rodham Clinton, agreed: "It's a scheduling problem and nothing else."

The ease with which the two lead-

ers get on contrasts with what many observed as chilly cordiality between Clinton and former British prime minister John Major. Some put this down to the Conservative party having parachuted help into the Republicans' 1992 presidential campaign, especially after the allegation that Major's government investigated whether Clinton tried to avoid the draft by becoming a British citizen in 1968 when he was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford.

Clinton and Major eventually developed a working relationship but it could not have been described as warm.

The bonding between Clinton and Blair marks a success for what has been termed the "Blair mafia," movers and shakers who have worked on Blair's image in the US. "We think Blair's image is very

important here. Clearly the Americans regard him as a leading European politician," said Chris Jones, secretary of the Labor party branch for British citizens living in the United States.

"For many, Britain is America's window on Europe. If you can cultivate the special relationship and bring Tony Blair into the spotlight I think we are doing our job."

Washington, for Blair, is crucial. Britain invests more in the United States than in any other country; conversely, Americans are the biggest foreign investors in Britain. Accordingly, the Labor leader has had many supporters working in the capital and in New York to promote him as a powerful politician, one who is able to ensure economic stability and growth and reassure American investors that Britain is

good business and is in good hands. Blair has worked to overcome the suspicion with which Labor leaders have been regarded here. After a struggle, Blair abolished the historic Labor tract that committed the party to the nationalization of British industry and began to talk of New Labor as the party of business.

The importance of Washington was emphasized by the recent announcement by the British government that the new British ambassador would be Christopher Meyer, John Major's former press secretary and currently British envoy in Bonn. The appointment was seen in Bonn as a clear indication Britain gives political priority to America over Germany. Meyer, said to be "highly thought of" by Blair, was the prime minister's personal choice.

Until 1992 there was a degree of

antipathy toward the United States within the Labor party, said Keith Tarr-Whelan, chairman of the US branch of the party. But that began to change with the election of Clinton in 1992.

The pro-Blair PR machine has swung swiftly into operation and Blair and his wife Cherie, a lawyer, have been presented to the American public as a good-looking couple who have no sordid skeletons in their closet. At a recent party in New York hosted by Harold Evans, the British president of publisher Random House, and his wife Tina Brown, editor of the *New Yorker*, the Blairs mingled with celebrities such as Martin Scorsese, Henry Kissinger, Lauren Bacall and Barbara Walters. The British people who attended were dubbed "cocktail socialists" by the British press.

Some in the Blair mafia dismiss

such parties as inconsequential events that mask the serious work being done on Labor's behalf. Since Clinton's 1992 campaign the bond between Democratic advisers and Labor party insiders has continued to solidify. Jonathan Powell, Blair's chief of staff, was a catalyst for the changing relationship when he worked here at the British Embassy as first secretary during Clinton's first presidential campaign.

Powell established relationships with key Clinton aides, many of whom have tuned into the New Labor message. They include journalist-turned-White House aide Sidney Blumenthal, Democratic pollster Stanley Greenberg, former White House official George Stephanopoulos and Paul Begala, a former Clinton adviser who is about to join the White House staff.

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## An unholy alliance

On Monday night, as during this past Shavuot, an altercation marred the beginning of Tisha Be'av, the day of mourning marking the destruction of the First and Second Temples and other calamities that have befallen the Jewish people.

On Shavuot, police found it necessary to evacuate Conservative and Reform worshippers who were vilified and attacked by some haredim at the Western Wall. This time, however, the police, far from defending the worshippers attempting to pray in a far corner of the Western Wall plaza, forcibly evicted them outside the Old City wall after about 10 minutes of their prayer service.

The police claim that they were merely enforcing a regulation that prohibits activities which contradict the "local practice" at a holy site, and which may offend others who pray there. This regulation was put into place a few years ago to prevent women from praying in the women's section at the Wall while wearing a tallit. The Supreme Court subsequently upheld this prohibition by the religious authorities and the "local practice" regulation itself.

For years, however, the Conservative and Reform movements have quietly held services, unobtrusively, on the edges of the Western Wall plaza. The Conservative service on the eve of Tisha Be'av, therefore, was arguably part of the "local practice," not a violation of it. It was only after the Conservative Movement notified the authorities of its intention to hold a service at the Wall plaza—thinking that the police would protect them—that the police seem to have discovered their questionable interpretation of the law.

In effect, the police have entered into an unholy alliance with the religious authorities. The authorities have taken a legitimate concept and regulation—adopted to prevent activities that directly interfere with prayer by the majority of worshippers—and interpreted it so broadly as to prevent any prayer of men and women together, even if it is far away from the Wall itself.

It is true that the Orthodox prohibition on listening to a woman singing would make it difficult to create a third, egalitarian, section adjacent to the Wall, next to the existing men's and women's sections. But that is not what is being sought here. What the Conservative and Reform

movements are trying to do is pray according to their customs—at the Wall, but out of the earshot, and even the sight of, those praying at the Wall itself.

The religious authorities and the police point to the fact that the "local practice" regulation applies to the entire holy place, which is defined as the entire plaza. But Orthodox practice does not really apply to the whole plaza, which except for the area adjacent to the Wall is routinely populated with mixed groups of tourists and others, who are not expected to behave and dress as if they were inside an Orthodox synagogue. There is no reason why a group of mixed worshippers should not be allowed to pray a substantial distance from where the Orthodox are praying.

Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki, when explaining the behavior of police on Channel 1, not only made no apologies, but accused the Conservative group of deliberately "flexing its muscles."

But even if the police explanation that they were applying the law is accepted, this cannot explain the degree of force that was used, nor the fact that the group was pushed outside the Old City wall, way beyond the limits of the plaza covered by the regulation.

The fact that it is easier for the police to handle a small group of Conservative Jews than it is to defend them from small groups of haredi ruffians does not excuse blaming the victim. Neither is name calling, such as Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani calling the agreed-beforehand service a "provocation," an acceptable response.

Though the Conservative group has a strong case, they, too, must be careful not to cross the fine line between exercising their legitimate rights and unnecessarily impinging on the religious practice of others. But the Orthodox authorities must understand that heavy-handed use of the political, legal—and now police—levers at their disposal amounts to an abuse of power, which is not only wrong, but will ultimately threaten the monopoly status they currently enjoy.

For if anyone was muscle flexing, it was the police, who evidently decided it would be easier to teach the Conservatives a lesson than it would be to apply the law with some humanity and defend Jewish worshippers from haredi intimidation.



## Last chance for the peace process

We sat in a corner of the lobby of the King David Hotel, some time before the Mahaneh Yehuda bombing, discussing the sad situation of the peace process. Our interlocutor was a prominent Palestinian personality, one of the founding members of the Copenhagen-based International Alliance for Arab-Israeli Peace.

"How can we square the circle?" he asked. "We know that Netanyahu will not stop work on Har Homa, and you know that we will not resume negotiations as long as that work continues," he lamented.

In politics a circle that cannot be squared does not exist. Dr. Henry Kissinger taught us that particular humbly and, indeed, after a protracted discussion, our Palestinian colleague eventually came up with a solution.

"Har Homa should be divided into three," he said. "On one side of the hill there should be housing for Israelis, and on the other side housing for Palestinians, and in between the two, on the crest of the hill, a park should be laid out, and in its center a convention hall dedicated to Israeli-Palestinian understanding."

"Let us transform Har Homa into a symbol of peace and co-existence instead of one of confrontation. I guarantee I can convince our leadership to accept the idea if you can do the same with your government."

The Americans loved this contribution of the Copenhagen Alliance. Our government did not. Constructive and imaginative thinking does not appear to be its strong point.

Yet it is precisely this sort of ideas that can save the peace process, once the Palestinians come to their senses and resume security cooperation.

If we are lucky, this will be the type of proposal that Secretary of

DAVID KIMCHE

State Madeleine Albright will bring to Jerusalem if she comes at the end of the month. The alternative to such a suggestion will be a downright demand that we cease all construction work at Har Homa and in the settlements, and our government would then be faced with the dire prospect of a head-on confrontation with the American administration.

Albright does not beat about the

**There is still time for the prime minister and his team of advisors to surprise us all with some constructive thinking**

bush. Her recent visit to the Balkans, where she berated the Croats and the Serbs in the strongest possible undiplomatic language, is a case in point.

Both she and President Clinton have clearly and unequivocally stated their objection to Har Homa and to our settlement policy.

We do not, of course, want to have the Americans dictate to us what our policies should be. But neither do we want to get into a collision course with an administration that has been so friendly to us than any previous American government.

Nor do we want to see our hopes for peace dashed, our relations with our neighbors destroyed, our image in the world tarnished, certainly not for the sake of more settlements in Judea and Samaria.

It is clear from Albright's speech last week that the long period in which the Americans kept aloof

from the peace process and allowed us to stew in our own juice has come to an end. "The time for some hard decisions has come," she declared, leaving unstated what would be the outcome if those "hard decisions" were not forthcoming.

On her agenda are subjects that will, indeed, need decisions that will be hard and painful—negotiations for the final settlement, further withdrawals, our settlement policy, Har Homa.

How refreshing it would be if we were to pre-empt Albright, and come with some ideas of our own, of the sort proposed by the Palestinian member of the Copenhagen Alliance. We should not wait to have our arm twisted by that formidable lady from the State Department. There is still time for the prime minister and his team of advisors to surprise us all with some constructive thinking.

But it is for the Palestinians to make the first move. The Americans have made it plain that they will not condone any half-measures on the part of the Palestinians in the fight against violence and terrorism. Nor will we, and rightfully so.

As Albright's visit draws nearer, both Palestinians and Israelis will have to decide whether they wish to risk a complete breakdown of the negotiations, with all that such a development would mean, or to make the hard decisions that the secretary of state has demanded, and which the large majority of both Israelis and Palestinians would like to see.

The will of the two peoples is to see the peace process put back on track. The visit of Albright may be the last chance for this to happen. It is a chance that must not be missed.

The writer is chairman of the committee on violence of the Copenhagen-based International Alliance for Arab-Israeli Peace.

## The wrong battle

DAVID J. FORMAN

It was the wrong place, at the wrong time, and perhaps the wrong issue. It was indeed a provocation. But the principle was absolutely correct.

Equality is a right, not a privilege; and should be extended to all. And such a national symbol—not just a religious symbol—as the Wall should be open to all; individually and collectively. No one has the right to claim it for himself.

Despite the promises that they would be allowed to pray quietly in an integrated fashion, those non-Orthodox Jews who tried to hold a prayer service on Tisha Be'av must have known that such a demonstration would provoke a hostile reaction. After all, Erev Tisha Be'av attracts the most worshippers, almost all haredim, of any other religious event on the Jewish calendar.

The purpose of the Conservative minyan was not solely to pray, but also to make a civil rights point. Sadly, the point that was made was not one relating to the essence of religious freedom in a democratic state, but rather the continual use of excessive force by the police in dispersing demonstrations in this country. Unwittingly, these few Conservative Jews showed the world that police brutality is alive and well in Israel.

Spurred on by an aggressive, abusive haredi crowd, the police did its bidding. Common sense and decency would have dictated the police to simply surround the minyan, and let them finish their prayers.

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani should have taken his police force to task for their excessive behavior rather than point a finger at the Conservative Jews praying there. He certainly did that when he castigated his police for using excessive force when clearing haredi demonstrators from blocking Rehov Bar Ilan in Jerusalem.

**Should integrating the Wall become the focal point of the struggle for recognition for non-Orthodox religious Jews?**

At the same time, with heightened security considerations because of the recent bombing in Mahaneh Yehuda, it is the height of chutzpa to pick Erev Tisha Be'av, when the Western Wall Plaza would be packed, to hold a demonstration.

SHOULD integrating the Wall become the focal point of the struggle for recognition for non-Orthodox religious Jews? It is ironic that while Conservative Jews were being denied the right to pray in a mixed minyan at the Wall on Erev Tisha Be'av, Tel Aviv was declared an open city that night, and Prime Minister Netanyahu was signing a registration document for a Reform women to be part of a religious council.

So the battle for non-Orthodox recognition might be better played out elsewhere. I would hate to see us Reform and Conservative Jews turn the Wall into the same blinded passionate fusion of religion and nationalism that has been the case with our Orthodox counterparts.

Anyone who wants to pray at the Wall should be allowed to do so. Guidelines for the type of worship there should be set out. But as central as the Wall is historically, religiously and spiritually, it should not be the center of the struggle for equal rights of non-Orthodox religious Jews. The struggle should not take place in the courts either; it should take place in the public sector.

Our major energies should be in continuing to build our schools, widening the enrollment in our yeshivas, strengthening our youth movements and settlements, bringing more Conservative and Reform Jews on aliya (and telling our diaspora constituents to give our movements here the same type of money that Habad abroad gives to its institutions and rabbis here), reaching out to Russian Jews, fighting for human rights, not only for us, but for other minorities who are more oppressed than we are—Beduin, Israeli Arabs, Druse, Ethiopians and Palestinians.

These activities are not as dramatic as being shoved to the ground at the Wall; but in the end they will be far more effective in shaping Israeli society. And eventually they will bring non-Orthodox religious Jews not just recognition, but influence in a country that desperately needs an open and enlightened approach to religious expression.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### LET US SOLVE OUR DISPUTES

Sir, — I was at the Wall — I stood between the insistence of the Conservative Movement to change Jewish tradition and the passion of the haredim to resist that change.

The decision to run a provocative mixed prayer service at the Western Wall plaza with thousands of haredim present and the anticipated violent response were both wrong. Before, during, and after I was thinking, "It's all so predictable. There must be another way."

I am pained by violence and took part in a campaign by the Orthodox world to avert a clash. I, together with other haredim at the Kotel, were desperately trying to prevent confrontation and, dare I say, the spilling of blood between Jew and Jew.

We distributed flyers asking Conservative Jews to join in the regular and time-honored mode of praying at the Kotel, with the headline "Let's pray together." We

also distributed to the haredim the Eida Haredit announcement that violence is wrong and the way to solve conflicts is through verbal exchange. This statement was posted all over the Western Wall plaza and the adjoining Jewish Quarter. Furthermore, in the US, major groups like Agudat Yisrael called upon the Conservative Movement not to push their cause in a provocative manner.

Yes, there is a significant dispute. The Orthodox maintain that mixed prayers are not God's will and that segregated prayer has been accepted since the time of the Mishna. The Conservatives are spearheading a move for change that would enable men and women to pray together at the Wall and challenge the status quo.

Disputes are legitimate, but it is a grave mistake to think that provocative acts will force a solution. History has proven otherwise. The date the Conservative Movement chose to make its

point, Tisha Be'av, commemorates the destruction of our holy Temple. This catastrophe in Jewish history was the culmination of events arising out of hatred between Jews and has been the source of Jewish suffering since that time.

We will only see an end to this deadlock of Jew hating Jew by peacemaking in the spirit of the Eida Haredit flyer: "Our strength is in the power of words. Any form of violence is contrary to our spiritual goals and will eventually lead to the opposite of our good intentions." Let us solve our disputes in the fashion proposed by our heritage: by sitting down together as brothers and listening to one another. "The ways of Torah are ways of pleasantness." Anything else just isn't Judaism.

Jerusalem. David Geffen

### MESSIANIC AD

Sir, — In regard to the Messianic Congregational Action Committee's ad of July 25, at last Messianic Jews have openly admitted they are not a branch of Judaism as they deceitfully claim, but simply Christian missionaries holding to the same beliefs as evangelical Christians with whom they align themselves (fourth paragraph, line two of the ad): "You know how wide a support there is for Israel among Jewish Messianics and evangelical Christians throughout the world."

Y. ZE'EV, Yod L'Achim, Anti-Missionary Anti-Cult Dept.

Jerusalem.

### OUR VALUE SYSTEM

Sir, — We are subjected to a revisionist Zionist history and now to add to the celebration of a century of Zionism, we are told that we should change our value system (Amy Klein's op-ed, "Glad it's Gefen," July 28).

I am not a *maven* of rock, but I suppose that the hysteria connected with it (not the music) is similar to that witnessed at the Paramount when Frank Sinatra sang in New York. As a lifelong Zionist, I abhor Aviv Gefen's message of "not only staying out of the army but leaving the country." To compare this to the anti-Vietnam movement is fuzzy-minded reasoning. The IDF serves

to preserve our existence.

Klein's message is not singular. Several recent events come to mind. Did the music *mavens* have to choose Richard Wagner's music for the pageantry at the opening ceremony of the Maccabiah? Should the New Israel Opera feature Wagner's music in its shop? Is it ignorance or insensitivity? Under what norms did the Jerusalem Film Festival decide to honor Woody Allen? Is it an endorsement of his immorality or his left-wing criticism of Israel?

At times one can despair, but Zionism will endure.

Jerusalem. ARNOLD SULLUM

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On August 13, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that the "Strong Man of Iraq," Chief of Iraqi General Staff, Bekr Sidky Pasha Al-Askari was shot dead by a soldier at the Mosul landing ground. The Iraqi air force commander lost his life while trying to save the general.

50 years ago: On August 13, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported the speech made by the

Colonial Secretary, Arthur Creech Jones, during the House of Commons debate on Palestine. He said that despite a grave and extremely difficult situation, and hundreds of British military, police and civilian casualties, his government would not flinch from any measures calculated to destroy the evil of terrorism and to bring justice.

Winding up the debate, Ivor Thomas, Under-Secretary for the

Colonies, warned explicitly that a collective fine would fall on the innocents as well as on the guilty.

25 years ago: On August 13, 1972, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the US had again told Egypt of the necessity of direct talks with Israel. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan promised that Israel and Egypt might reach an interim agreement soon.

Alexander Zvielli

## Reform the regulators

PINCHAS LANDAU

approve.

The immediate result is that every vested interest in the country is under immediate threat, at least on paper, and must therefore take steps to protect the projected reform that will impinge on, or may even destroy, its particular patch of turf.

The current wave of sanctions and strikes, which will intensify next month, is the response of

**The overall regulation of the Israeli capital market is a mess**

these rhetorically threatened (and often "competitively-challenged" i.e. monopolistic) vested interests, because they know that the more noise they make the less likely the (already slim) chance that the reform aimed against them will be carried through.

In any case, this government is hamstringed in its ability to do anything, let alone carry through complex and contentious reforms. However, there is something important and useful that it could do, if only it wanted to.

The job of chairman of the Securities Authority has fallen vacant, with the appointment of Ariel Minkovitch as chairman of Ariel Discount Bank. During his tenure, Minkovitch turned the agency into a tough and effective regulatory body, and the post is a key one.

The top job requires an independent, intelligent and determined person who will play sheriff in the Wild West atmosphere of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

The leading candidate for the job is the current Supervisor of Banks at the Bank of Israel, Ze'ev Abeles — and he is indeed suited for the job. Certainly, Abeles is infinitely preferable to any political appointee that Netanyahu and his aides may come up with. However, the opportunity of

appointing a new head to the Securities Authority should be seen in a much wider context.

The overall regulation of the Israeli capital market is a mess. This is widely recognized, and Minkovitch himself proposed a reform several years ago, under which the various regulatory authorities — the Securities Authority, which covers the issuance and trading of securities, the Supervisor of Banks, who deals with all aspects of banking activity, and the Supervisor of Insurance and Capital Markets Commissioner at the Treasury (a hybrid function in an understaffed and under-qualified department with a poor track record) — would be combined.

This could be done either by close cooperation between different bodies, or by the creation of an overall regulatory entity, along the lines of the one the British have decided to establish.

What could easily be done is to give Abeles the chairmanship of the Securities Authority, with a mandate to combine it with his current fieldwork of the bank supervisory department. This would be detached from the Bank of Israel and merged into the new super-entity, as would the relevant Treasury units for the insurance, pension and savings sectors.

Of course, in this reform, the Treasury would be the vested interest whose turf would be invaded and vandalized, so you can guess where the main opposition to any such structural reform in the capital market would come from.

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## POSTSCRIPT

ON A RECENT Alitalia flight, Yohanan Goldman of Tel Aviv was browsing the in-flight magazine.

He came across an ad for cabin attendants, which included a question that really got him wondering: "Can you swim?"

Goldman adds: "In all fairness, I think passengers should also be asked this question before they are issued a ticket."



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# Japanese ask: What ever happened to good manners?



A scene of the past? Many language conservatives believe the breakdown in the use of polite Japanese reflects a more general abandonment of traditional values. (Unipix)

By ERIC TALMADGE

The venerable art of talking politely – a cornerstone of the Japanese language – has never been easy to master. But for many Japanese these days, it's proving downright impossible.

Young people frequently fumble their rare attempts at "keigo," the complex language of respect, and salespeople deliberately misuse Japanese honorifics merely to butter up customers.

The situation has gotten so bad that some educators even wonder whether Japan would be better off dropping elaborate formalities.

Concerned about the breakdown in polite Japanese, a panel of 15 experts has begun studying the problem for the government and is to report back to the prime minister by the fall. Optimists they are not.

"The use of polite language is a mess," said committee member Shinji Shinoda, a Tokyo junior high school principal.

"We often have to start from the absolute basics," said Noriko Toyama, a public speaking instructor at a small language school in Tokyo. "It is really surprising how little some people know."

Talking nicely in Japanese means far more than remembering to say "please" and "thank you." Perfected over centuries of feudal rule, when class distinctions were a central fact of life, the language of respect is divided into three subtly different categories: Two stress respect for the person being spoken to, while the other emphasizes the humility of the person doing the speaking.

Other forms of speech are used when talking to equals or those in a lower social station, such as children or subordinates at work.

WHAT THIS all means is that the Japanese must choose their vocabulary carefully to fit every social situation. For most Japanese, the decisions come naturally, even on some rather obscure matters.

In one recent government survey, for example, roughly half of 2,200 people queried said they generally – and quite properly – add honorifics to such words as lunch or tea, creating the more socially benign "honorable

lunch," or "honorable tea." Hardly anyone, however, used honorifics with beer or steak sauce. That would be overdoing it.

But the same survey, conducted by the government's Agency for Cultural Affairs, found many of the finer points of the language of respect are taking a serious beating.

Among other things, it found little resistance to a trend among salespeople to use excessively polite forms of speech to secure a sale, which may be good business but is a definite linguistic no-no.

Younger people, meanwhile, are far less likely to use formal language at all, and tend to use it incorrectly when they do.

"Children are not getting the kind of exposure to polite speech that they did before World War II," said principal Shinoda. "They don't need to use it as much with their parents or teachers."

Shinoda said the weakening of polite Japanese in day-to-day discourse is not necessarily all bad. It could be taken as a sign that society is becoming more democratic, he said, and that the class consciousness of old is losing its grip.

Several years ago, in fact, major newspapers even toned down what had been the epitome of polite Japanese – a variety used only when referring to the royal family.

But many language conservatives believe the breakdown in the use of polite Japanese also reflects a more general abandonment of traditional values, such as respect for one's elders and the willingness to accept one's place in society.

"Of course democracy is a good thing," noted instructor Toyama. "But social realities still exist. Polite talk is a way of seeking harmony with that. It's an attitude more than just a vocabulary."

Toyama also stressed that while polite Japanese is weakening in many quarters, speaking it is still de rigueur in some of the most crucial situations.

If two roughly equal candidates for the same job are interviewed, the one who can speak properly is probably going to get hired," she said. "It's just so central to us. I don't think we could ever really do without it."

GRAPEVINE

## A computer for every child in Ramle

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

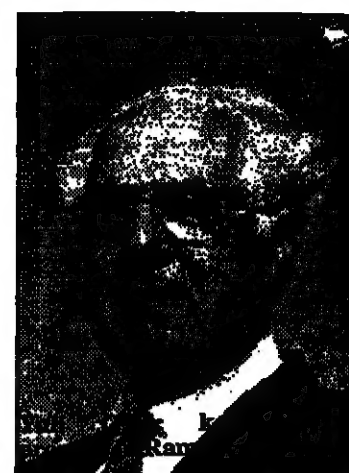
Detractors of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will be happy to know that there are promises which he does keep – especially to children. Soon after he came into office, "Bibi" promised a computer for every child in Israel, and I want to announce that he's keeping his promise," declared Ramle Mayor Yoel Lavie at an emotional ceremony at the Ramle cultural center, where 210 youngsters from economically deprived backgrounds were presented with computers.

The five-year project initiated by Netanyahu who, together with his wife, Sara, was also on hand, calls for the distribution of 30,000 computers to low-income families including those in the Arab sector. Also present at the ceremony were business tycoon Yuli Ofer, who heads the project, and Motorola CEO Hanan Achsaf, who is its chairman.

SURPRISE! Surprise. Since there's nothing auspicious about a 39th birthday, Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein didn't have an inkling last week that the staffers in his ministry had gone into cahoots with his wife, Tania, to give him a surprise party. Next year, when he turns 40, he'll have every right to expect one. Other public figures celebrating their birthdays this month include Shimon Peres on August 16 and Reuma Weizman on August 18.



Yoram Sheftel: still defending Demjanjuk. (Oren Agmon)



O.J. Simpson earned more than he did. Another controversial figure whom Sheftel, an ardent Yiddishist, adored was Meyer Lansky. Why? Because Lansky's favorite bedtime reading was Shalom Aleichem – in Yiddish!

BEING a godfather to only one child is daunting enough, but Rabbi David Ifergan, the legendary miracle worker from Netivot, together with Rabbi Issachar Cohen, head of the Negev Yeshiva, did the honors three times over at Gan Oramim for triplets Matan, Kfir and Sahar Slonimski, the sons of Tamar and Gonen Slonimski of Ramat Gan. When the then-childless Slonimskis visited Ifergan in Netivot nine months ago, the rabbi asked the would-be mother how many children she wanted. "One will do for now," she replied. "But how many do you want altogether?" he persisted. "Three? Four?" When she settled for three, he rapped on the table three times and sent her home, with the promise that he would be the godfather. Thirty-nine weeks later, Tamar Slonimski gave birth to triplets.

ORGANIZERS of the International Jazz Festival in Eilat are hoping that Queen Noor will accept their invitation to the opening. But even if she doesn't, she's bound to hear it if she happens to be in Aqaba. Music floats well across the water.

CONFUSION between broadcasting personalities contracted to the Israel Broadcasting Authority and those contracted to The Second Channel Television and Radio (or its franchisees) continues.

Immediate case in point is Gadi Suenik, who used to be the political reporter for Channel 1, then went on to become head of the political desk at Channel 2. This Saturday, he's anchoring the Israel Radio morning news magazine, which temporarily puts him back under the IBA umbrella. There are some pundits who believe that the radio is just a stepping stone to the television studio.

With Haim Yavin's job up for grabs, Suenik has as good a chance as anyone else.

ALTHOUGH they don't look alike, if US President Bill Clinton could have his say about who would portray him in a biographical docudrama, he would opt for Tom Hanks. As for Hillary, the president's choice is Meryl Streep.

NOW that her plastic surgeon has given her a new face, Roseanne is aiming for a new figure so that she can really look her best when her new talk show goes to air early next year. The word is that she's on a really strict diet.

HOLLYWOOD glitterati turned out in droves for the premiere of Demi Moore's new movie, *G.I.* Among those who turned out were Patrick Swayze, Ellen DeGeneres, Naomi Campbell and, of course, the star herself with hubby Bruce Willis in tow.

For a couple whose marriage has been reported far and wide as being on the skids, they're hanging in there remarkably well.

PARENTING

## 25 tips on disciplining children

By RUTH MASON

Dr. Nina Lief, child psychiatrist and pediatrician, and author of *The First Year of Life* as well as *The Second Year of Life* and *The Third Year of Life* maintains that discipline is the toughest part of parenting. Most of us parents would agree.

Lief, along with countless other experts, contends that discipline is crucial to successfully raising children. Some parents feel that "love is

all you need." But love without discipline will probably get you a pack of spoiled brats. Discipline does not mean punishment.

When we discipline, we teach, we educate. And when the rules are broken, there must be consequences – preferably ones that flow naturally from the behavior. For example, a three-year-old hits another child in a playground. To punish him, one mother might slap his hand. Another mother will say, "Children who hit can't be with other children," and will calmly take her son home. That

is discipline.

For those looking for some tips on discipline, Dr. Kevin Kalikow, a child psychiatrist from New York, provides the following, "25 commandments of discipline." They are worthy of careful attention.

1. Start early in your child's development.
2. Support and respect your spouse even when you disagree.
3. Model good behavior. Your child will emulate your actions.
4. Don't begin to discipline until you have your child's attention.

5. Be consistent. Don't keep changing demands. Stick with one simple request until it has been fulfilled.

6. Don't be afraid of your child. Don't fear his disliking you. If he doesn't dislike you for brief periods, you're not doing your job. Don't be afraid of being angry with your child. It doesn't mean you don't love him.

7. Be sensitive. Try to discover what could be making your child anxious and therefore misbehave.

8. Keep your demands simple and straightforward. Prevent a struggle by demanding achievable behaviors. If you're giving a choice, keep the number of choices finite (e.g., two or three).

9. Get the incident over with quickly. Don't let misbehavior go on and on. Stop it early by setting a limit. Don't get sucked into a long, drawn-out battle or negotiation so that everyone forgets the original issue.

10. Say it like you mean it. Be firm. Don't request when you should tell. Don't beg. Don't whine. Don't hide your firmness behind sounding silly, sarcastic, or whatever your personality style is. Pay attention to your tone of voice. Would you pay attention to someone who sounded like you? In particular, don't lose control on a regular basis.

11. Don't pass the buck to your spouse, one of the siblings, the waitress, the store owner, the cashier, etc. He's your child. Discipline him.

12. No disclaimers. Don't say, "I'll let you... but I'm not going to like it."

13. Don't settle for polite language; demand polite behavior. A

child's saying "I'm sorry" should not be sufficient for doing what he wants. Set a standard of behavior. Your child will live up to your expectations. Expect minimal, get minimal.

14. Don't threaten to do what you won't do. Don't say, "If you do that again, I'll take you home" unless you're willing to actually take him home.

15. Don't bargain after you've negotiated an agreement.

16. Don't feel guilty if you can't apologize. If you are guilty, you can apologize. You can admit you were wrong.

17. Discipline your child your way. If he notices that his friend is allowed to do something that he is not, explain the discrepancy but stick to your guns.

18. Don't embarrass your child in front of others.

19. Don't insult your child.

20. Avoid unnecessary battles. Pick your battleground. Know when to disengage.

21. Don't over-discipline. As your child gets older, explain your reasoning and get his input.

22. Don't think anybody can do all this all the time. Remember, it's the pattern over the long haul, not the single episode, that matters. Don't expect immediate change. You need to do it over and over and over.

23. Disciplining can't be made easy. Only easier. It's hard work!

24. It's more productive to reinforce good behavior than to punish bad behavior.

25. Discipline is best achieved when effected in a warm, nurturing parent-child relationship.

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When former president Valéry Giscard d'Estaing said last fall that the franc was overvalued at about 5 to the dollar and should fall to 5.50, he was sharply criticized by

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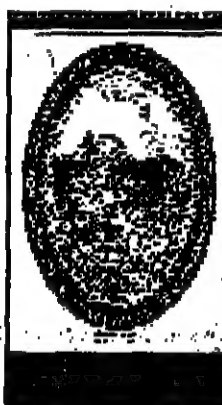
Canadian security officials believe the radical Shiite Moslem group Hizbullah has an "infra structure" in Canada to harbor terrorists and possibly plan attacks. Since the 1960s, Jewish and other groups have monitored, and complained about, the relatively comfortable lives Nazi war criminals, convicted Palestinian terrorists and others have had in some of Canada's most innocuous, middle-class neighborhoods.

A political uproar ensued, and Canadian officials decided to move to deport him. That was 10 years ago. His case is still in the courts. "Unless they can bring past criminals who abuse our immigration system to justice," Farber said, "today's criminals will look to Canada."

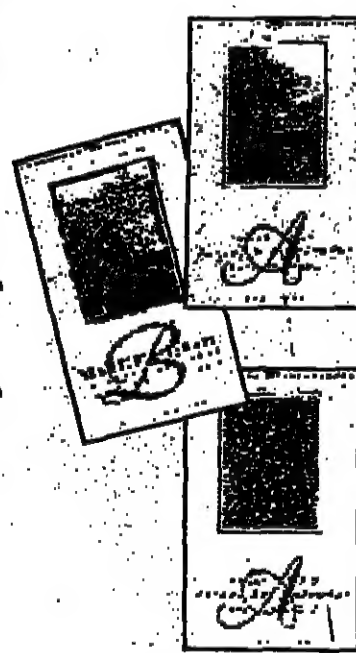


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# Arts & crafts fair opens today

By SHERYL KATZ

A melting pot of cultures from as far afield as Malawi, Mexico and Myanmar will be represented at the 25th International Arts and Crafts Fair, which celebrates 30 years of a united Jerusalem by hosting 30 countries. The fair starts today and runs through August 24 at the capital's Mitchell Garden, Sultan's Pool and the Khirbat Hayotser Arts and Crafts Center.

Mayor Ehud Olmert says he hopes ticket sales will surpass last year's 60,000 by at least 20,000.

They might well do so, since this year's fair boasts new and exciting features. Not only are there more international crafts on display, there are also works of 150 local artists and artisans, including pinks, silk screening, ceramics, metalwork, jewelry, weaving, textiles, Judaica, toys, applied arts, leather and carpentry.

Other features include international cuisine at an array of food stores and a pub. New on the agenda are guided night tours of the city: one includes the ramparts and gates of the Old City and Mount Zion; another tour encompasses the most exciting archaeological finds from the Second Temple period through today.

Tec-tappers will enjoy nightly complimentary concerts (9:00) on the fair grounds. Tonight's concert features the Basan Avraham band with its original blend of East/West music. Composer/lyricist Ronit

Shahar performs tomorrow night. The post-Shabbat line-up kicks off with pop/jazz singer Mika Karmi (Saturday), followed by the band Avtipus (Sunday), a rock concert featuring Arcadi Duchin and the Lemons (Monday), Trio Indio - a Spanish-music-lover's treat (Tuesday), singer/songwriter Jeremy Kaplan and the Flowers (Wednesday), Ehud Banai (Thursday), Asaf Amdursky (August 23), and eternal rocker Ariel Zilber wraps it up on August 24.

An international pavilion will host exotic exhibits and fascinating guest artisans from around the world. Next year, fair director Sara Malka aims to celebrate Israel's 50th anniversary by hosting 50 countries. She hopes by then the fair will be big enough to fill the entire area up to the Cinematheque.

Jerusalem's police chief, Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki, says security measures will reflect current national precautionary standards. The fair will be open every evening (except Fridays) from 6 to 11:30, and on Saturday evenings from the end of Shabbat until midnight. At the northern entrance to the fair, the permanent artists of Khirbat Hayotser Arts and Crafts Center will display their works. The public can visit, browse and see them in action from Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Friday until 2 p.m.

Entrance fee: adults, NIS 26; children (six to 13), NIS 20.

## Summer Breeza makes us feel fine

By AMY KLEIN

OK, last summer festival. This time it's great music and atmosphere with beer and food. From August 16 to 21, the Breeza Festival will adorn Ashkelon Park. The festival is sponsored by Carlsberg, which will be bringing 25 brands of beer to the festival.

This is the third consecutive year of the festival, which emphasizes "the tavern atmosphere on the Mediterranean." They expect 40,000 people to attend the festivities.

The three major concerts will be held in the amphitheater beginning at 8 p.m. On Saturday night, Yehuda Poliker will perform, with guest Gidi Gov. On Tuesday, Shlomo Artzi returns.

And for the final night of the concert, Ethnix, the pop band with a Mizrahi influence will host a true Mizrahi musician, Eyal Golan. This up-and-coming musician is trying to revitalize classic Middle-Eastern music with his preppy appeal and mainstream lyrics.

Smaller concerts will also be taking place on the northern and southern stages of the restaurant circle, which will have a wide array of ethnic eateries.

Some of the performers on the smaller stages include Margalit Tzan'ani, Shlomo Semea, Aviva Avidan, Antonio and Ronit,



Eyal Golan gives Middle Eastern music a young, preppy appeal.

Netanel, Etti Levy, Doron Mazar, Neria Hovav, and Eli Luzon. In keeping with the tavern spirit, David Fla'i and Penny Canan will perform a special Greek dance.

There is free transportation to and from the concert. Dan buses will leave from Tel Aviv's Arlozoroff station to Ashkelon at 7:30 and 7:45 p.m., and from Ashkelon to Tel Aviv at 1 and 1:30 a.m. Entrance to the smaller concerts is free. Tickets for the main concerts cost NIS 49 to NIS 99 for Yehuda Poliker and Shlomo Artzi. For Ethnix and Eyal Golan: NIS 35 to NIS 69.

## Keeping the Faith

By CHARLES SOLOMON

Music critics need to attach labels to artists. But if there is one group that defies categorization, it's Faith No More, which is due to play two shows in Israel, on August 19 at Haifa's City Hall and on August 20 at Tel Aviv's Cinemana.

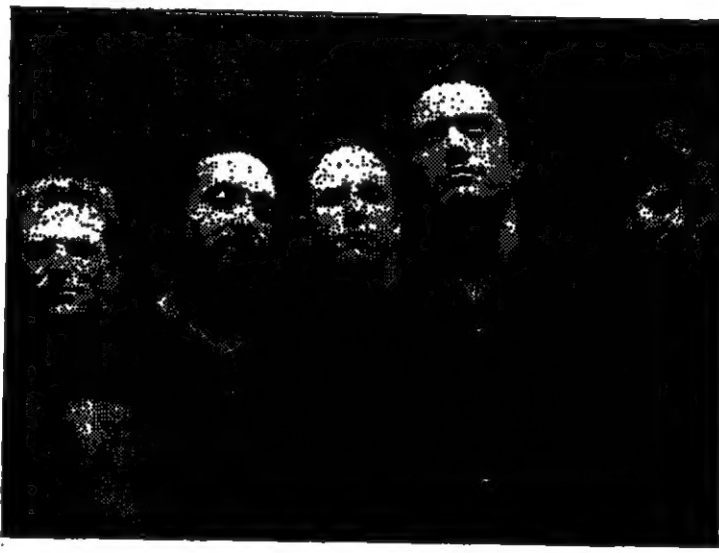
Faith No More plays an eclectic, frenetic fusion of hard-hitting punk, funk, rap, jazz, yet its biggest hit is a schmaltzy rendition of The Commodores/Lionel Richie classic "I'm Easy."

But if you think you are going to be treated to an evening of syrupy cover versions by a laid-back bunch of hippies from San Francisco, you will be in for a shock.

Faith No More was formed in 1982 in California. The original members came from disparate musical backgrounds, and the blueprint pointed to a group that was going to be pulled, bent, and stretched in all directions - yet they have managed to gel into a unit.

In 1985 the group released its debut album. It was not long before word got around of the group's commercial potential, and a year later it released "Introduce Yourself."

Faith No More's musical smorgasbord is very different from that of Guns 'n' Roses and Metallica, and if it has to be compared to one group, it would be L.A.'s Red Hot Chili Peppers,



Faith No More: Taking it 'Easy'

which has also mixed unlikely and disparate musical influences into a unified whole.

Faith No More began building a huge European fan base, and in 1988 the group was rewarded with its first British chart success, "We Care a Lot." Britain's usually fickle audiences, always suspicious of straight-ahead American rock groups, were attracted to the band's quirky music, and the group soon became more popular in the UK than it was in its native country.

The Real Thing soon followed, which many consider to be the group's finest hour. The album sold over 500,000 copies. The hits soon started to flow.

Between 1990 and 1993, the group notched up eight British hit singles.

Faith No More consolidated its commercial success with the release of its fourth album, *Angel Dust*. But it was on shaky ground with its fifth album, *King for a Day, Fool for a Lifetime*.

However, the band managed to bounce back with the critically acclaimed *Album of the Year*.

This is Faith No More's second visit to Israel. For those who missed this group in 1995, it's an opportunity to see one of America's most exciting and enigmatic hard rock bands. Second timers won't be disappointed.

## Fringe benefits

By JILL SERJEANT

Three young men lie spread-eagled on the pavement. A motley crew of "punks" in wheelchairs stop the traffic as they creep slowly across the road. A car daubed with posters and paint urges passersby to "Follow me to the garage, Venice 81."

With 1,278 shows planned in 14,297 performances competing for audiences that average only seven people a night, there are few limits to the tactics employed by performers at the Edinburgh Fringe to attract viewers.

Scotland's capital city stages a series of cultural festivals in August that are the envy of the world.

Offerings by the famous Fringe this year include four different productions of *Romeo and Juliet*, a show featuring two naked men shoveling more than a ton of excrement, Australian aborigine dancing and a musical based on tunes from Quentin Tarantino's cult movies.

Each year the search is on for the Fringe show that will one night find itself playing to an audience of none. Each year at least one Fringe show will make headlines for plumbing new depths of obscenity, blasphemy or sheer nonsense.

But the lure of the Fringe, which does not censor productions,

shows no sign of diminishing. "The Edinburgh Festival Fringe is on its finest form yet," said Fringe director Hilary Strong.

"The Fringe has been criticized quite heavily because of a lack of quality control, but that has been the single most important factor in its success over the past 50 years."

"The minute you go down the value-judgement route you are losing the chance to let people try something different," she said.

With ticket sales already up 6 percent for the hectic three-week event, the Fringe has announced that it will start a week earlier in 1998 to reap maximum benefit from the tourists.

Finding performance space appears to be no problem. Church halls, community centers and wine bars are for established acts. A multistory car park, the back of a lorry and Edinburgh's underground vaults are among the more innovative of the 187 venues used by Fringe performers from all corners of the world.

The Fringe, which started in 1947 with just eight companies upset at being left out of the official festival, has opened the door in the past to comedy stars. But this year music has finally surpassed comedy as the second biggest attraction after theater, with 320 groups playing music from classical to salsa and bebop.

(Reuters)

## Esta: Israeli rock 'n' roll in New York

By BLAINE HARDEN

"Nobody wants to hear Israeli rock-and-roll. It is ridiculous." So says Shlomo Deshet, an Israeli drummer who has joined three of his countrymen in cooking up a wildly original sound that is to formulaic rock 'n' roll what homemade borscht is to Campbell's chicken noodle soup.

The band, called Esta, blends pensive jazz with unruly Balkan folk. It melds country-western with "stuff we stole from the Hassidim." It fuses the Turkish banjo with the Scottish bagpipe, and somehow makes it all musically whole. At its core, Esta's music has a raucous, foot-stomping energy that's driven by Deshet, who is a formidable rock drummer.

"People like to categorize music. But we don't want to be obligated to any forms or any traditions," says Deshet who, with his fellow band members, admits to being an equal-opportunity thief, stealing from every musical tradition he has ever heard - if it suits the integrity of an Esta composition.

The band, which is planning another American tour in September, has been polishing its sound for the better part of 15 years.

Two of the band members - Deshet and guitarist Ori Binstok - began playing together when they were schoolboys in Tel Aviv. They met the two other members of the band when they all were doing military service.

It was during long practice sessions in a bomb shelter in Tel Aviv in the 1980s that the band developed its distinctive sound. "We played literally underground for seven years. When it is peacetime in Israel, the city gives the bomb shelters to artists," says Deshet.

When they were above ground, the musicians often worked separately as accompanists to some of Israel's best folk and popular singers. Their period of apprenticeship ended in 1991, when they cast their professional lot together and moved to Greenwich Village.

"We had to come to New York and make our band a matter of life or death. If it was not going to be Esta, it was going to be nothing," Deshet says. After six years in New York, when it was clear that they had succeeded in becoming more than nothing, they moved back to Israel last spring. They are now prepared to help shape the country's musical tradition.

"We have been too dominated by Western influences," Deshet



Esta fuses the Turkish banjo with the Scottish bagpipe.

says. "Israel is an evolving culture, and we want to be part of the evolution." The band's name translates as *oom-pah* in Hebrew slang. It is the simplest of folk rhythms, and the band builds on it with a seemingly infinite variety of sounds, rhythms, and folk traditions.

Just reaching back to the songs they heard as kids growing up with immigrant parents, they can plug into the music of Iraq, Poland, Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania, and Russia. To serve

up this stew of musical influences, the band travels with a curious inventory of ethnic folk instruments, including conga drums, Chinese mouth organ, zurna (an ancestor of the oboe), darbuka (a kind of drum), Irish pennywhistle, and bagpipes, not to mention assorted pots and pans.

During the past six years, while playing the downtown club scene in New York, making cross-country tours, and recording a CD called *Mediterranean*

*Crossroads*, band members have learned how to dress up their musicianship in an onstage performing style that is both exuberant and embracing.

During a New York farewell performance this spring, before a sold-out audience in Greenwich Village, the band made a grand entrance to the whine of a bagpipe and the pounding of hand-held African drums. Such an entrance is calculated to startle and disorient the audience, says Amir Gwirtzman, the band's saxophonist, bagpipe player and master of nearly a dozen obscure wind instruments.

"What we want to do is turn our concerts into a kind of Middle Eastern party," Gwirtzman says. "We want to break down the wall between audience and performer. First people are surprised, and then we are closer to them."

Having reached out to the audience as something other than coolly professional musicians, the band tore into a composition entitled "Turkish Western." Musically speaking, it's a song in which a whirling dervish runs headlong into the soundtrack from Sergio Leone's *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*. The audience, clapping and smiling, had a hard time staying in their seats. (The Washington Post)

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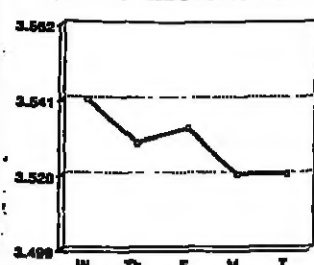
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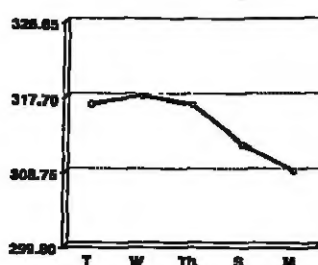
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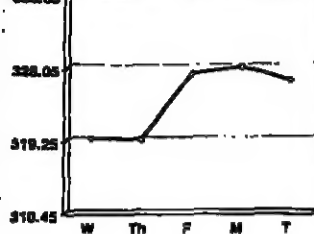
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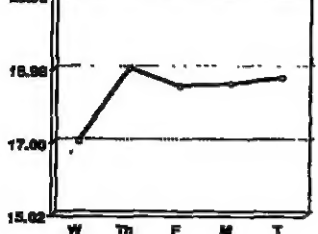
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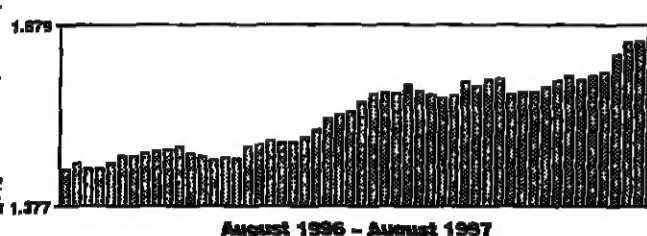


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#### January-July industrial exports up 9.9%

Industrial exports for the first seven months of 1997, including diamonds, totaled \$10.74 billion, a 9.9% increase over the same period a year ago, the Ministry of Industry and Trade reported yesterday. Polished diamond exports increased by 8.4% to total \$2.64 billion. High-tech exports jumped 35% over the first seven months of the year.

Jennifer Friedman

#### Yamaichi top officials resign

TOKYO (AP) — The president and 10 other senior officials of Yamaichi Securities, one of Japan's top brokerages, resigned Monday, over a scandal involving payoffs to a racketeer. Atsuo Miki resigned as president, but will stay on as a company advisor along with the other officials who stepped down. The resignations followed management shuffles at Nomura, the nation's No. 1 brokerage, and Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank, other companies suspected of making illegal deals with Ryuichi Koike, who is jailed on racketeering charges. Decisions made at a board meeting also call for Yamaichi to reshuffle and slim down its Board of Directors.

#### Vietnam plans stock market

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — A draft plan for Vietnam's first stock exchange has been submitted to the government for review, official media reported Monday. The state-run Saigon Times reported that the draft was prepared by the State Securities Commission last week during discussions about setting up a stock exchange in Ho Chi Minh City. It said that the exchange could open as soon as September, although western observers believe that is unlikely. Central bank officials refused comment on the report. Only a dozen Vietnamese companies have been privatized while about 6,300 others are still under state ownership.

#### Eitan demands increase in civilian R&D

Science Minister Michael Eitan has demanded that the government establish a long-term plan to increase the budget for civilian research and development — from 2.1% of the Gross National Product to 3% over the next five years. In the cabinet discussion of structural changes in the economy, Eitan argued that many discussions have been held on investments in physical infrastructure, such as roads, but they have "disregarded the need to invest in scientific and technological infrastructure that constitutes the basis for industry and high-tech products."

Judy Siegal

## Scitex in the black

By JENNIFER FRIEDMAN

After four quarters of registering losses, Scitex Corp. stepped into the black with second-quarter net income of \$157,000, the company reported yesterday.

Net losses for the embattled maker of publishing and printing equipment totaled \$6m. in the second quarter of 1996, while first quarter net losses were \$7m.

Revenues for the quarter dropped 12% to \$167m., compared to \$190m. in the same period one year ago.

The increase in net profits despite this drop reflects the company's emphasis on returning to profitability, said CEO Yoram Chelouche.

"We needed to focus on changing our cost structure and on profits rather than revenue growth," he said. "We succeeded in achieving a much more efficient, lower-cost operation and in increasing profitability."

Scitex's gross-profit margin — sales minus the cost of sales, divided by sales — for the quarter was 36.3%, or 38% of revenues, compared with 37.1m., or 37% of revenues, in the same period one year ago.

The company's Nasdaq-traded stock was up 6% to \$12 in early morning trading yesterday.

Analysts reacted hesitantly to the results.

"There's no doubt that these results show that the company is on the right track, but it's not clear whether or not they will continue in this way," said Tzachi Tal, a trader at Ilanot Banach.

Prudential reiterated Scitex "buy" following the release of the quarterly report.

Due to changes in the graphic arts market, Chelouche said Scitex is currently exploring the possibility of acquiring companies that develop pre-press equipment.

"We are positioning ourselves to be able to compete in a consolidating pre-press market where we have fewer, yet bigger rivals," he said. Chelouche refused to expand on any plans regarding possible acquisitions.

Scitex's graphic arts group, the company's largest and most beleaguered division, reported revenues of \$114m., compared to \$135m. in the same period last year.

Following the release of its third-quarter results last year, Scitex announced a restructuring program in its graphic arts division that included laying off 17% of its international workforce and the closing of major facilities in the US and throughout Europe. At its height, the division employed 2,500, or 69% of Scitex's 3,600 workers.

The company said it is now reaping benefits from the plan.

## Treasury: No revision of NIS 800m. budget cuts

Neeman denies reports on differences with Frenkel

By DAVID HARRIS

The Finance Ministry is refusing to alter the details of the proposed additional NIS 800 million budget cut for this year, despite the threat of coalition MKs to vote against the plan, State Budget director David Milgrom said yesterday.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Finance Minister Yoram Neeman and coalition leader in the Knesset Finance Committee Michael Kleiner (Gesher) were yesterday attempting to persuade MKs from Shas and the National Religious Party to support the cut and guarantee a majority in the committee when it votes on the cut this afternoon.

Yitzhak Cohen and Nissim Dahan (both Shas) and Zvi Hendel (NRP) are opposed to the Treasury-proposed, cabinet-approved cuts to the education and social welfare budgets.

"The thinking in the Treasury is to give up on [the vote of] the NRP and hope to gain the support of Shas," said Kleiner. "But it is not healthy to only rely on a majority of one."

Kleiner, who also maintains the cut to the education budget, to which Hendel is strongly opposed, as is Education Minister

Zevulun Hammer, will prove to be detrimental to the school system. While believing it is possible to persuade the Shas MKs to support the government, Kleiner is opposed to this Treasury-led approach.

"This is really not wise," said Kleiner. "In the short-term this may succeed, but will create a real long-term problem for the funding of education."

While saying there is a good chance the proposal will be approved, Kleiner argued it is unhealthy for a coalition to pass measures without full agreement.

However, in the Treasury, both Neeman and his senior officers were remaining firm in their determination to implement the budget cut unaltered.

"There will be no change at all," said Milgrom. "The cut was approved by the ministers."

On Sunday, Milgrom, under instructions from Neeman, was forced to withdraw the proposal from the Finance Committee, minutes before MKs were to vote, when it became clear there would be no government majority.

Immediately after the anticipated vote on the cut, ministers will meet for the third time this week to discuss the 1998 budget and a Treasury blueprint for some 100 structural

reforms to the economy, two of which have already been rejected by ministers.

Milgrom admitted yesterday the Treasury has still not formulated its proposals for tax reforms. Initially, senior Treasury officials hoped to implement the changes as part of the 1998 budget plan. However, this now seems unlikely, with Milgrom refusing to say exactly when the tax proposals will be brought to government for approval.

The principle aim of the changes will be to reduce the overall tax burden, but the Treasury is still hunting for appropriate alternative sources for state revenues, said Milgrom. The Treasury is also re-examining the proportions of income paid to the state in each tax bracket.

Meanwhile, Neeman yesterday issued a statement denying reports that he and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel are in deep disagreement over the government's desired inflation target for fiscal 1998.

"I have no argument with the governor, we are both facing the same problem, namely reducing inflation and leading the Israeli economy back to a growth path," he said.

Neeman endorses the Treasury bureaucracy's view that the inflation target should be 7%-10%, while the central bank is calling for a target of 6%-9%.

## UPS wants Clinton to help end strike

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — United Parcel Service is asking Congress to urge President Bill Clinton to intervene in the eight-day strike by the Teamsters union, as US Labor Secretary Alexis Herman met separately yesterday with representatives of both the company and the striking Teamsters to try to find room for a compromise between the two sides.

"The White House does not believe we are in a crisis," said UPS spokeswoman Gina Elrich. "UPS feels very differently." The company lost "hundreds of millions of dollars for the first week [of the strike] alone," Elrich said, and has been able to move only about 10 percent of its normal volume of packages. "UPS at this point is very concerned about what the situation has done to our customers and small businesses."

Elrich said presidential intervention would allow UPS-Teamster employees to "vote on our generous contract offer. If they don't like it, we will be able to go forward from there." So far, though, the Clinton administration has ignored requests for intervention, instead insisting that the two parties should resolve their differences at the bargaining table. "I made it clear that everyone involved must show greater flexibility and a willingness to compromise," Herman said in a statement released after talks concluded. The administration, she said, is committed to bringing both parties "back to the table, the only place a solution will be reached."

Herman said "each side will be conferring with its representatives and will get back to me about next steps." Neither side seemed willing to budge, though. International Brotherhood of Teamsters President Ron Carey said his members "are voting today by walking the pavement. They are not about to have any contract jammed down their throat."

## Israel electric חברת החשמל

### TENDERS

#### Tender for the Purchase of Insurance Coverage for Directors' and Officers' Liability 98/99

1. The Israel Electric Corporation (hereafter - "IEC") hereby solicits proposals for insurance coverage for Directors' and Officers' Liability in conformity with the policy, schedule and other requirements and details set forth in the tender documents.

2. NATURE OF THE TRANSACTION  
(a) The insured shall be - IEC and/or its subsidiaries, and/or officers of IEC and/or its subsidiaries, and/or officers of associated companies who have been appointed by IEC, and/or officers of affiliated companies who have been appointed by IEC

(b) There shall be direct contractual relations between IEC and the insurance company, and the insurance company shall issue the policy (even where the winning proposal is a broker's proposal).

(c) The liability under the policy shall be limited to US\$ 50 million in addition to US\$ 12.5 million for the coverage of legal expenses in Israel and abroad. The above-mentioned sums relate to each and every claim and in the aggregate per year.

3. PERIOD OF THE INSURANCE COVERAGE  
One year as of January 16, 1998 ending on January 15, 1999 (inclusive).

4. OPTION TO INCREASE COVERAGE UNDER POLICY  
IEC shall be given an option to purchase coverage for the issuance of share capital and/or bonds by private placement/public offering in the USA/the rest of the world for the issuance of share capital and/or bonds to the value of approximately US\$ 1.5 billion.

5. THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE TENDER  
Only those bodies which fulfill the following requirements may participate in this tender:

(a) Insurance companies which hold an Israeli insurer's license with respect to the relevant area of insurance or Insurance companies or Lloyd's representatives which themselves or by way of their representatives in Israel, hold a foreign insurer's license with respect to the relevant area of insurance or International brokers acting for (a) foreign insurance company/ies.

In addition to the above, the said bodies must meet the requirements set forth in sections (b) and (c) below:

(b) The insurance companies who, according to the proposals submitted, shall, directly or indirectly, issue the insurance policies through their authorized representatives in Israel or through international brokers, must have equity of at least US\$ 15 million.

(c) International brokers must have professional insurance coverage to the value of no less than US\$ 20 million.

6. HOLDING OF NEGOTIATIONS  
(a) IEC may, at its sole discretion, hold negotiations with the Israeli and foreign insurance companies as stated above, or with the authorized representatives of foreign insurance companies and/or with international brokers, as the case may be (hereafter - "the bidder" or "the bidders").

(b) IEC may, in the course of the negotiations, request that a bidder or bidders update and amend their proposal(s) in such a way that will enable the IEC, at its sole discretion, to determine a common denominator among the proposals as well as to determine to as great an extent as possible whether the proposals include the same coverage. It is stressed that, in such a case, the bidder or bidders may submit final proposals.

7. OBTAINING TENDER DOCUMENTS AND FORM OF FILING  
(a) Further details about the tender itself and the tender documents may be obtained from the offices of the Treasurer of IEC, Department of Financing, Trade and Insurance, Egged Building, Haifa Central Bus Station, 6th floor, room 620, Sunday - Thursday, during the hours 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tel. 04-854-8219/319.

(b) The bidder must complete the proposal forms by typing in the relevant information or by filling in the relevant information in neat, clear handwriting, and must sign the proposal forms at the place indicated for such signature.

(c) The tender documents, completed and signed as required, must be submitted in a sealed envelope by September 10, 1997, before 3 p.m., to our offices (see (a) above) at the indicated times, or must be sent by post to the Department of Financing, Trade and Insurance, Israel Electric Corporation, P.O. Box 8810, Haifa 31086.

(d) Where a proposal is sent by post, the sealed envelope containing the tender documents and marked with the words "Tender for the Purchase of Insurance Coverage for Directors' and Officers' Liability" must be inserted in a cover envelope addressed to the IEC at the address set forth in (c) above.

It is emphasized that bidders who send their proposals by post do so at their own risk. Bidders must ensure that their proposals reach our offices as set forth above by the indicated deadline in order that they may be inserted in the tender box in time.

8. IEC is not under any obligation to select the proposal which has the lowest price nor is IEC under any obligation to select any one of the proposals submitted.

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### ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (11.9.96)

Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.750	5.000	5.575
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.875	4.000	4.250
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.825	1.825	2.125
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.625	0.750	1.000
Yen (10 million yen)			

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates\* (11.8.97)

Currency basket	Buy	Sell	Banknotes	Rep.
U.S. dollar	3.7278	3.7880	3.44	3.61
German mark	1.8848	1.9153	1.85	1.92
Pound sterling	5.5837	5.6738	5.48	5.75
French franc	0.5584	0.5685	0.54	0.58
Japanese yen (100)	3.0224	3.0712	2.97	3.12
Dutch florin	1.6727	1.6997	1.64	1.73
Swiss franc	2.3023	2.3355	2.26	2.38
Swedish krona	0.4383	0.4484	0.43	0.48
Norwegian krona	0.4822	0.4956	0.45	0.48
Danish krona	0.4948	0.5028	0.48	0.51
Canadian dollar	0.8511	0.8613	0.82	0.88
Australian dollar	2.5166	2.5722	2.47	2.60
S. African rand	2.5873	2.6291	2.54	2.67
Belgian franc (10)	0.7508	0.7628	0.68	0.77
Austrian schilling (10)	0.9127	0.9275	0.89	0.95
Italian lire (1000)	2.5757	2.7220	2.63	2.78
Jordanian dinar	1.9324	1.9636	1.89	2.00
Egyptian pound	4.9397	5.0194	4.87	5.21
ECU	1.8908	1.9080	1.80	1.98
Irish punt	3.7115	3.7714	3.62	3.74
Spanish peseta (100)	5.0450	5.1264	4.95	5.20
	2.2344	2.2705	2.19	2.31

\*These rates vary according to bank. \*\*Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI





# Putting your money where your house is

By NEIL COHEN

First, though, a couple of anecdotes to put this issue into context: Last week I met the head of private banking at one of the big banks. He seemed like a solid, prudent guy. He told me that a couple of years ago he wrote a letter to me which he never sent. It was in response to a column I wrote, in which I said that my gut inclination was to keep most of my savings in foreign currency, though this feeling was as emotional as it was rational, or words to that effect. He wanted to tell me how violently he disagreed with me — that assets should be matched to liabilities — and to inform me about all of the advantages of shekel savings.

In another scenario, a family friend asked my advice on providing for his heirs. He lives here yet most of his savings are dollar denominated (he hails from the US). Together with his pension etc. he has a pretty standard retirement portfolio invested in a mixture of bonds, cash, stocks and mutual funds. Without going into detail, his income far exceeds his expenditure. I don't think he's looking to maxi-

mize his income to the last penny or even the last thousand dollars. He's looking for a decent income based on a conservative investment strategy. He wanted to know if I would advise him to shift anything more than a token portion of his assets into shekel instruments. I might suggest putting a little money into CPI-linked savings plans to build up some protection against Israeli inflation, but more than that?

Perhaps I'm being unpatriotic, but I believe the risks on shekel interest vs. shekel devaluation and especially inflation vs. shekel devaluation against the dollar are far greater on the former side of each equation than on the latter. It might be a great arbitrage for nimble-footed traders and arbitrageurs, and indeed a strategy which would have made money over the last few years, but it isn't right for the retiree readers of *The Wall Street Post*. I'm yet to be convinced that the shekel is the hard enough currency, or that it's valued fairly enough. I just look at the currency turmoil —

— *See Shalek's right now.*

All this doesn't mean that I would recommend to the average wage earner that he or she convert every spare shekel into dollars and invest abroad. For most of us, that is impractical and highly tax-inefficient.

The strategies detailed in the chart below ignore assets and income abroad and essentially

address savings or income held or generated in this country. I've put together three portfolios assuming savings of NIS 75,000, NIS 250,000 and NIS 500,000 across three age groups, 35, 50 and 65. The 35 year old has plenty of earning years left. He should be saving for the long term with minimal concern for short-term income. The 50 year old can afford less of a risk, though he can still invest for growth. And the 65 year old, while wanting inflation protection, is most concerned with maximizing his retirement income.

These portfolios are relatively low risk, generating reasonable returns and affording decent inflation protection. Only the short-term deposits, or *makamim*, are seriously exposed to inflation risk. I would probably tweak the stock market exposure a little higher, especially in the portfolios for 35 and 50 year olds, if the market priced more reasonably, but at current levels I'm nervous, hence the cautious exposure level.

For the savings plans, make sure to shop around among the banks for the one offering the best rate at the time and then start negotiating. The same goes for the short-term deposits. The equities should be either a selection of blue-chip stocks or alternatively a couple of very boring, long track-record mutual funds, which invest in Maoof or Mishitanium stocks.

# Microsoft's latest good news

**By RAJIV CHANDRASEKARAN**

(The Washington Post) — The biggest beneficiary of software giant Microsoft Corp.'s decision last week to invest \$150 million in its financially struggling rival Apple Computer Inc. may be Microsoft itself.

The alliance keeps alive an attractive business in selling software for Apple's Macintosh computers; one that is estimated by analysts at about \$300m. a year.

It also gives Microsoft potentially more important advantages in selling its Internet browsing software, deflecting antitrust concerns and setting global standards for the hot new Java programming technology, several industry specialists - said Thursday.

Microsoft has been locked in a battle with some of Silicon Valley's biggest companies, including Sun Microsystems Inc., Netscape Communications Corp. and Oracle Corp., over Java. Programs written in Java, which was developed by Sun, can be shared over the Internet

and, most importantly, can run on different types of computers without revisions.

Java, which is widely seen as the next big trend in computing, could help boost sales of computers made by Sun, International Business Machines Corp. and others that don't rely on Microsoft's popular Windows operating system. Fearing this, Microsoft has been promoting a version of Java that's tied into Windows.

The deal with Apple is expected to help advance that effort, a critical task for Microsoft, analysts said.

This is where computing is heading, and Microsoft wants to define the standards, said Walter J. Winnitski, an analyst with Paine Webber Inc. in New York. This is a big way for them to do that. Although Macintoshes represent only a small fraction of all personal computers sold — about 3.8 percent worldwide in the second quarter of this year — Apple's machines are uncommonly important in creating software and content on the Internet.

Apple's co-founder, Steve Jobs, boasted Wednesday that 80% of World Wide Web sites were designed with Macs. They carry a big stick there, which is going to help Microsoft, Winnitski said.

By helping to keep Apple afloat, which effectively gives personal computer customers an option other than Microsoft's Windows software, Microsoft also helps deflect concerns that it has become too dominant in the computer industry, legal specialists said.

For its part, Microsoft maintains that blunting antitrust concerns was not a factor in the investment.

Under the terms of the deal, Apple has promised to make Microsoft's Internet Explorer browsing software the easiest choice to use for new Macintosh customers. That gives Microsoft a much-needed leg up in its competition with browser-maker Netscape. It leverages their presence against Netscape, said Richard G. Shurlund, a Goldman, Sachs & Co. analyst.

In addition, Apple has promised not to resurrect a failed lawsuit alleging that Microsoft stole the look and feel of the Macintosh in developing Windows.

Some industry watchers, however, cautioned that although Apple has a vocal, devoted following, the collaboration with Microsoft will have only a limited impact because of Apples relatively small market share.

The Apple Macintosh market is a fringe business, said Andrew C. Brosseau, an analyst at Cowen & Co.

C6. For now, the financial impact of the proposed investment looks to be very beneficial to Microsoft. The \$150m. would be used to purchase non-voting shares of Apple stock at an average of recent closing prices before Tuesday, when Apple stock hovered in the high teens. In the last two days, however, Apple's stock has climbed 9.43%, a 48% jump from Tuesday's close, which would make Microsoft's stake worth far more than what it paid.

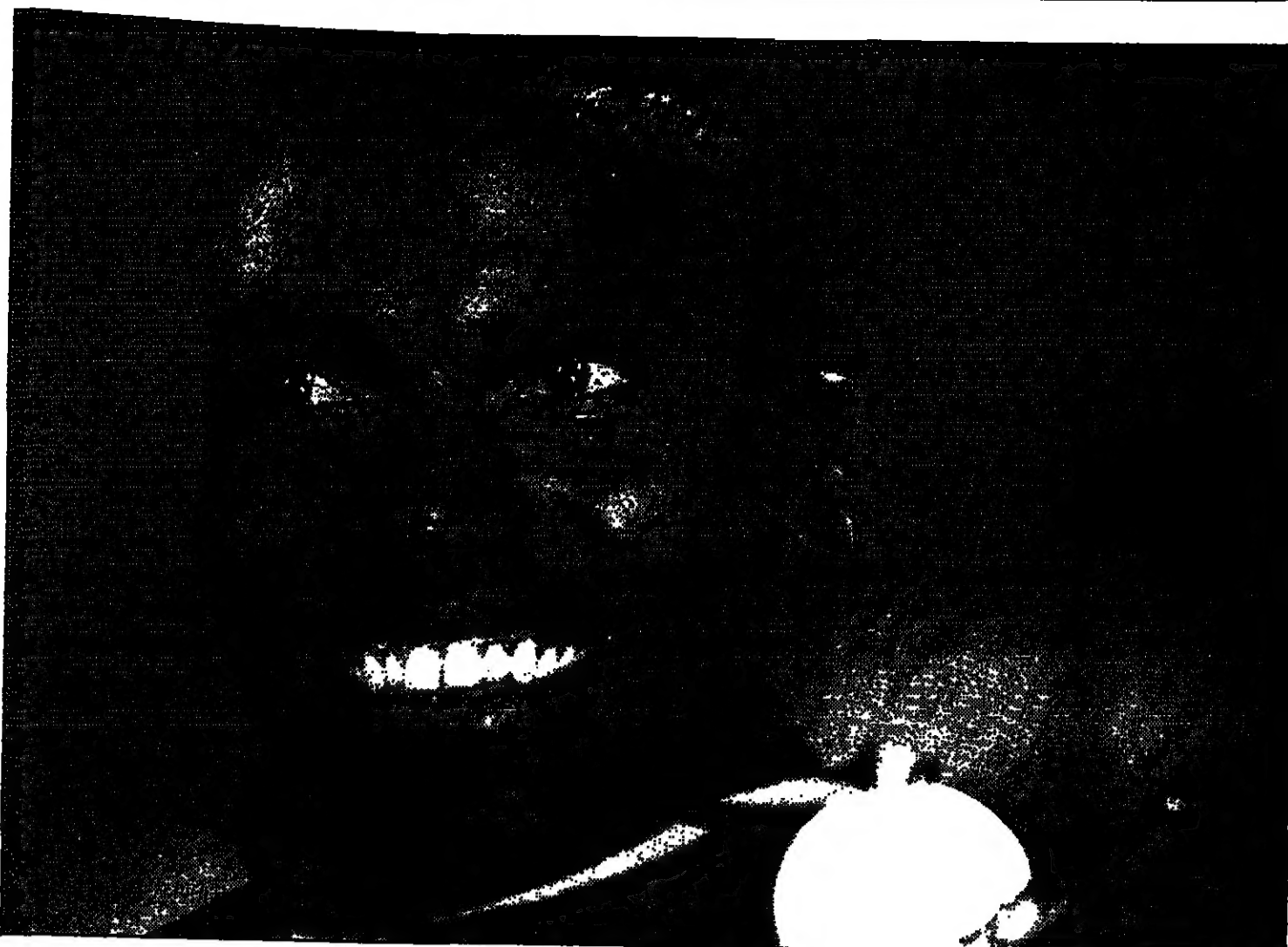
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GOLD RUSH - Wilson Kipketer will try to earn himself a kilo of gold in Zurich tonight by breaking the 800m world record. (AP)

## Kipketer looks to break Coe's 800m record in Zurich tonight

ZURICH (Reuters) - Denmark's former Kenyan Wilson Kipketer will try to erase the oldest and most prestigious world record from the books today and, with it, the name of one of the greatest middle-distance runners ever - Britain's Sebastian Coe.

After equalling Coe's world record of one minute 41.73 seconds for the 800 meters in Stockholm earlier in the season, the double world champion will run in the most lucrative grand prix meeting in athletics looking to make history and more than \$130,000.

Last week Kipketer made the defence of his world 800 title in Athens in 1:43.38 look easy. With the help of pacemakers and a still warm night in the Swiss city, the 26-year-old should be in a good position to take the record into new territory.

Kipketer was just a 10-year-old growing up in Kenya when Coe breezed around a track in Florence to set the world record in June 1981 with one of the most astonishing middle-distance performances of all time.

Twice last season Kipketer, who went to live in Denmark in 1990, neared the world record after

missing the Atlanta Olympics because he was not cleared to run for his adopted country.

There is a feeling in the athletics world - shared by Coe - that it is only a matter of time before he bests Coe's mark.

From his bank manager's point of view, there is no better place to produce a world record than at the Weltklasse meeting.

Organizers of the Zurich event are reluctant to announce world record attempts in advance. But the financial incentive is always there.

A world record is worth \$50,000 in cash plus one kilo of gold. Kipketer could expect to earn a fee of at least \$80,000 for just stepping out on to the track. In addition, his shoe sponsors would be expected to give him a huge bonus for breaking new ground in the sport.

Some 25 champions, 22 silver and 20 bronze medalists from the Athens championships are scheduled to compete in a meeting which is known on the circuit as the "one-night Olympics."

Donovan Bailey's 100 meters world record of 9.84 seconds could also be in danger when the

Canadian takes on newly-crowned world champion Maurice Greene in a sprint field containing seven of the eight finalists from Athens.

Bailey is hoping to compete despite hurting a groin muscle when he anchored Canada to their sprint relay triumph at the weekend.

American women's sprint champion Marion Jones will also take on a high-class field over 100 meters which includes former world champions Gwen Torrence and Gail Devers.

Britain's Roger Black, not selected for the individual 400 meters in Athens amid controversy at home, has a chance for a shot at world and Olympic champion Michael Johnson.

The Zurich crowd can expect a fascinating battle in the 5,000 meters between Kenya's world champion Daniel Komen and Ethiopia's Haile Gebrselassie of Ethiopia who set the world record of 12:44.39 on the same track two years ago.

Komen said on Monday the race was too soon after his triumph in Athens on Sunday for a world record. But if conditions are good, Zurich regulars know that athletics history can be made at any moment.

## Betar in tough test against Sporting Lisbon

By DEK FATTAL

Betar Jerusalem host Sporting Lisbon, one of the grand old clubs of Europe tonight at Teddy Stadium in the first leg of the second preliminary round of the European Champions' Cup. The victor over the two legs will advance into the lucrative Champions' League where the likes of current holders Borussia Dortmund, Juventus, Barcelona and Manchester United lie in wait.

No Israeli club has managed to get past the current stage. Maccabi Tel Aviv came despondently close against Grasshopper Zurich two years ago, and failed again last season against Turkey's Fenerbahce.

On paper Sporting Lisbon are a better side than the last two opponents drawn against the Tel Avivians in the competition. In fact, the Portuguese titlists founded in 1906, are no strangers to these shores, having played Maccabi Haifa in the European Cup Winners' Cup first preliminary round two years ago. The Haifaites were no match for Sporting who pulverized Maccabi 4-0 in the first leg in Portugal, and then drew 0-0 in what turned out to be a lazy kickabout on Israeli soil.

It will be no comfort for Betar fans that Pedro Barbosa, the man who hit three goals past Haifa back in September 1994, is likely to be in Octavio Machado's starting line-up. Some will however draw hope from the fact that the Portuguese have not been too impressive in European competition over the last couple of seasons. After beating Haifa they were knocked out in the next preliminary round by Rapid Vienna, while in last season's UEFA Cup, the side were rudely stopped in the second preliminary stage by France's Metz.

Nevertheless Sporting mounted a superb league campaign last year to seize the title from FC Porto, their first championship since 1981-82, and many pundits in Portugal feel that the squad has

been strengthened significantly over the last six months thanks to a clutch of new transfers.

In accordance with national tradition, the side excels in midfield, where Barbosa on the right wing is likely to be accompanied this evening by Oceano, French-signing Didier Lang, Morocco's Mustapha Hadji, and former Gremio Porto Alegre (Brazil) star Carlos Miguel.

Barbosa is likely to be the danger man as most good things continue to stem from his dazzling runs. The Jerusalemites cannot afford to forget the club's \$5 million summer signing from Spain's Valencia, Brazilian international forward Leandro, who is capable of giving Betar's defense the most severe test it has ever faced.

Over 500 fans watched the two sides training at Teddy yesterday evening. The good news for the Jerusalemites is that Yossi Abukasis looked to have overcome his injury yesterday, and moved freely and confidently around the field. Together with central defender David Amsalem and Alon Harazi, Abukasis has a key role in trying to tame the Portuguese as they come forward, as well as keeping Istvan Fehervari and the rest of the Betar midfield supplied with the ball.

To have a sporting chance of surviving the return encounter before a crowd of 50-60,000 passionate souls in the return leg in Lisbon, the Jerusalemites have to be looking to at least a 2-0 victory tonight, and cannot afford to concede even a single goal. The odds may be long, but the chances of collecting are wafer thin.

Despite protracted haggling between officials from the two clubs, the game kick-off time will be at 20:00, as originally scheduled with UEFA. Betar had tried to get the match brought forward by two hours so that it could be televised live here, but the visitors refused to the scheduling change, claiming that they had prepared for the later time since finding out who their opponents would be. There will, however, be live commentary on Radio 2.

## Hapoel PT return from Denmark with goalless draw

By ORN LEWIS

Hapoel Petah Tikva can take great heart from their 0-0 draw with Denmark's Vejle in the UEFA Cup second preliminary round first-leg last night.

According to reports from the ground, the Danes held the upper hand for most of the match, although towards the end, Moti Kalkon had a chance to clinch victory for the visitors, but his shot hit the Danes' post. Some 3,000 spectators watched proceedings.

The Petah Tikvians now have the luxury of setting the result at home.

They must win the match, a score draw would see the Danes through on the away goals rule, while an extra-time goal would spell sudden death for the team on the receiving end.

If no result is reached by the end of 120 minutes, the match will be decided on penalties.

Last night's result is all the more heartening for Petah Tikva, after the team let in no fewer than six goals and scored only two in both their National League outings so far this season.

They must make sure there is no such repetition of this poor form against the Danes.

### SCOREBOARD

ENGLISH SOCCER - Premiership result last night: Barnsley 1, Crystal Palace 0.

CRICKET - Bad light forced an end to play in the NatWest Trophy semifinal between Essex and Gloucestershire yesterday. Essex Gloucestershire 381-8 (batting closed 60 overs), Essex 296-8 off 53.1 overs (S.Law 96, D.Robinson 62, R.Irwin 51).

Match resumes today with Essex requiring six runs to win.

Warwickshire and Sussex play their semifinal today.

## Wright double strike boosts England claim

LONDON (Reuters) - A double strike by the predatory Ian Wright shot Arsenal to a 2-0 victory over Coventry at Highbury on Monday night and strengthened his claim to injured Alan Shearer's England shirt against Moldova next month.

The Arsenal hit-man now has three goals from his first two matches of the season, making him favorite to partner Manchester United's Teddy Sheringham when Moldova visit Wembley for the World Cup qualifier on September 10.

Les Ferdinand is Wright's main rival for the England job but it may take him time to find form after his £5 million move to Tottenham from Newcastle in the close season.

Wright's goals left him just one

short of Cliff Bastin's all-time Arsenal scoring record of 178 set in the 1930s and 40s.

Coventry, conquerors of Chelsea in their opening match on Saturday, looked ragged and jaded as Arsenal Wenger's European imports ran the show from the start.

Arsenal's Dutch winger Marc Overmars caused constant havoc in the Coventry defence and on the half-hour Wright made the pressure count.

Coventry grimly held on until halftime but two minutes after the break Wright again punished the visitors for sloppy defending.

In the League Cup first round, first leg first division Nottingham Forest thrashed division three Doncaster 8-0.

## Women bowlers off to Atlantic Rim tourney

By NORMAN SPIRO

Israel's National Women's five-up squad are off to Wales to participate in the third biennial "Atlantic Rim" tournament from August 21 to September 2.

The tournament features 13 countries bordering on the Atlantic, plus Israel - honored to receive the invitation to compete with the world's top players - amongst them Ireland's Margaret Johnston and Phillis Nolan, winners of the pairs title in three successive quadrennial world championships.

This will be Israel's second appearance, having participated in 1995 in South Africa, where they finished overall sixth out of 12 countries.

South-Africa dominated the previ-

ous event, winning the golds in the singles, pairs, triples and the silver in the fours - the latter won by Scotland.

Termed a mini-world bowls, Israel will be out to improve their record against stiff opposition from the four home countries and South Africa, the latter sending their same squad who were last year's overall winners of the world championships.

New cap Chaya Frager will be up against it in the singles, and will be skipping the pairs with Tzila Gavish, also a new cap.

The experienced trio of Maureen Hirschowitz, Merle Swerdlow and Isabel Myers will contest the triples and also the fours together with Gavish. Arlene Ruben accompanies the team as manager.

## Jayasuriya continues to flay India

COLOMBO (Reuters) - Sanath Jayasuriya continued his run spree by lashing 199 and Aravinda de Silva struck his second hundred of the match as Sri Lanka flayed India in the second and final Test yesterday.

The third-wicket pair put on a record 218 to spur Sri Lanka's second innings from the overnight 77 for one to 415 for seven declared on the fourth day.

India, needing to score 373 in a minimum of 103 overs to win the match and the short series, were 49 without loss at the close.

Jayasuriya, who piled up the fourth highest individual score in Test history of 340 during the drawn first Test, became the first batsman to complete 1,000 Test runs in 1997.

His partnership with de Silva, who followed his 146 with 120, was the highest for Sri Lanka's third wicket against any country. It beat the previous best of 176 by Chandika Hathurusingha and Aravinda de Silva against



SUB-CONTINENTAL TORMENTOR - Sanath Jayasuriya - (AP)

Pakistan at Faisalabad in 1995-96. Jayasuriya passed the 1,000 mark when he was on 85. His tally for the year had reached 1,114 in eight Tests and 15 innings when he was finally bowled by paceman Ajeet Kulkarni.

He has three more Tests in India in December to beat the all-time aggregate for a calendar year of 1,710 runs scored by Viv Richards in 1976.

De Silva has now scored a century in each innings of a Test on two occasions. When he made 138 not out and 103 not out against Pakistan here last April, he became the only player in the world to score unbeaten centuries in each innings of a Test.

De Silva had a shaky start to his 120 when he almost skied a catch to mid-off and was bowled by a no-ball from Kulkarni, but later got into his stride to tear into the attack.

He hit 13 fours before skying a catch to substitute Vinod Kamble at deep extra cover off Kulkarni.

## Barnes set to join West Ham

LONDON (AP) - Former England player John Barnes, who was given a free transfer from Liverpool after 10 years service, will sign for West Ham, the London club's management announced yesterday.

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## Henning Berg joins Man Utd

MANCHESTER (Reuters) - Norwegian defender Henning Berg joined English champions Manchester United on Monday in a deal worth £5 million.

Berg, capped 44 times for Norway, signed a five-year contract which ended a five-year association with Blackburn Rovers for whom he made 159 appearances.

He featured in their champi-

onship-winning side of 1994-95 under Kenny Dalglish but with the close season arrivals of Stephane Henchoz and Patrick Valery lost his place in the team.

Berg is the fourth Norwegian to join Manchester United after Ronny Johnsen, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer and Eric Nevland but he is unlikely to make his debut in today's home game against Southampton.

## Warriors deal Mullin to Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Chris Mullin joined the NBA's Indiana Pacers yesterday, leaving the Golden State Warriors and bringing his soft shot and sharp passes to a team now coached by former Olympic teammate Larry Bird.

The five-time All-Star, whose dozen years in the NBA have been marked by countless injuries, was traded to the Pacers for Erick Dampier, a second-year center, and Duane Fontell, a veteran forward.

Mullin, a 34-year-old swing-

man, had one year remaining on his contract with the Warriors. Terms of his multiyear contract with the Pacers were not disclosed.

The trade is contingent on all three players passing physical exams. Mullin, in New York and unavailable for comment, is expected to be in Indianapolis today.

The Pacers, hurt by injuries, slipped to 39-43 last season and failed to make the playoffs for the first time since 1989.

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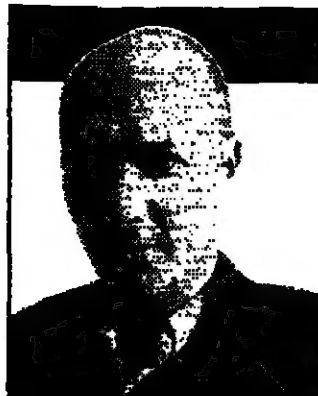
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## London Calling Atherton's future in ashes

By Mark Rivlin

There could surely be no more appropriate metaphor to the summer than the sight of a forlorn Michael Atherton sitting on the England balcony watching his batsmen being picked off by the Australian attack on Sunday afternoon.

Atherton casually spun what looked like a yo-yo from hand to hand, and yes, you have guessed it, a quick lack of concentration, and over the balcony it went. At the end of the second-innings debacle, while the jubilant Aussies were pouring champagne over their balcony, Atherton was left to consider how a summer which had started with so much hope — a whitewash in the one-day Texaco Trophy and victory in the first Test — could end in such a humiliating fashion.

Not surprisingly, the knives in the press box were being sharpened as the England players came and went through the Trent Bridge pavilion. John Etheridge in *The Sun* reckons that Atherton's time as captain will be measured in "hours, rather than days," while the *Daily Telegraph's* Christopher Martin Jenkins described England's downfall as a "vainglorious and lemming-like dash to destruction."

In true English-cricket-administration style, chairman of selectors David Graveney gave his full backing to Atherton saying he expected him to lead the team for the final Test at the Oval next week, and possibly for the winter tour to the Caribbean. A shrewd betting punter would be wise not to back such a scenario. My money is on Nasser Hussain for the job this winter.

Some of the England team used the well-worn cliché about playing too much cricket as an excuse for their demise. They might like to take a leaf out of the book of one Jim Harris, who at 86 is England's oldest club player, keeping wicket for Overton in one of the minor Birmingham leagues.

BBC Radio interviewed Harris at the weekend, the former mayor of Birmingham admitted to playing for Overton for 70 years and has no intention of retiring.

THE football season opened in style over the weekend with no shortage of incident and the usual hyperbole from players and managers. Before a ball had been kicked, Wimbledon manager Jo Kinnear showed a grasp for foreign affairs by telling BBC television that he was worried by the influx of foreign players brought about what he called the "Bosnia ruling."

On the pitch, the most pleasing result of Saturday afternoon was Coventry's last-minute win over Chelsea whose manager Raul Huidobro might have been tempted to leave Highfield Road at maximum speed on one of the new motor bikes bedecked in the team's colors on sale at their new megastore. How fortunes change — only three months ago, Chelsea were

celebrating their FA Cup triumph while Coventry were walking on a tightrope towards the First Division.

In the good old days of football when clubs were run by local shopkeepers, scrap metal dealers and the like, fans would generally have the chance to brush shoulders and exchange a few pleasantries with their club chairmen at the local Marks and Spencer. But now, consortia is the buzzword with huge multi-national conglomerates dictating the shape and future of clubs hundreds of miles away from boardrooms in London, or in the case of Wimbledon since their recent takeover, from Norway.

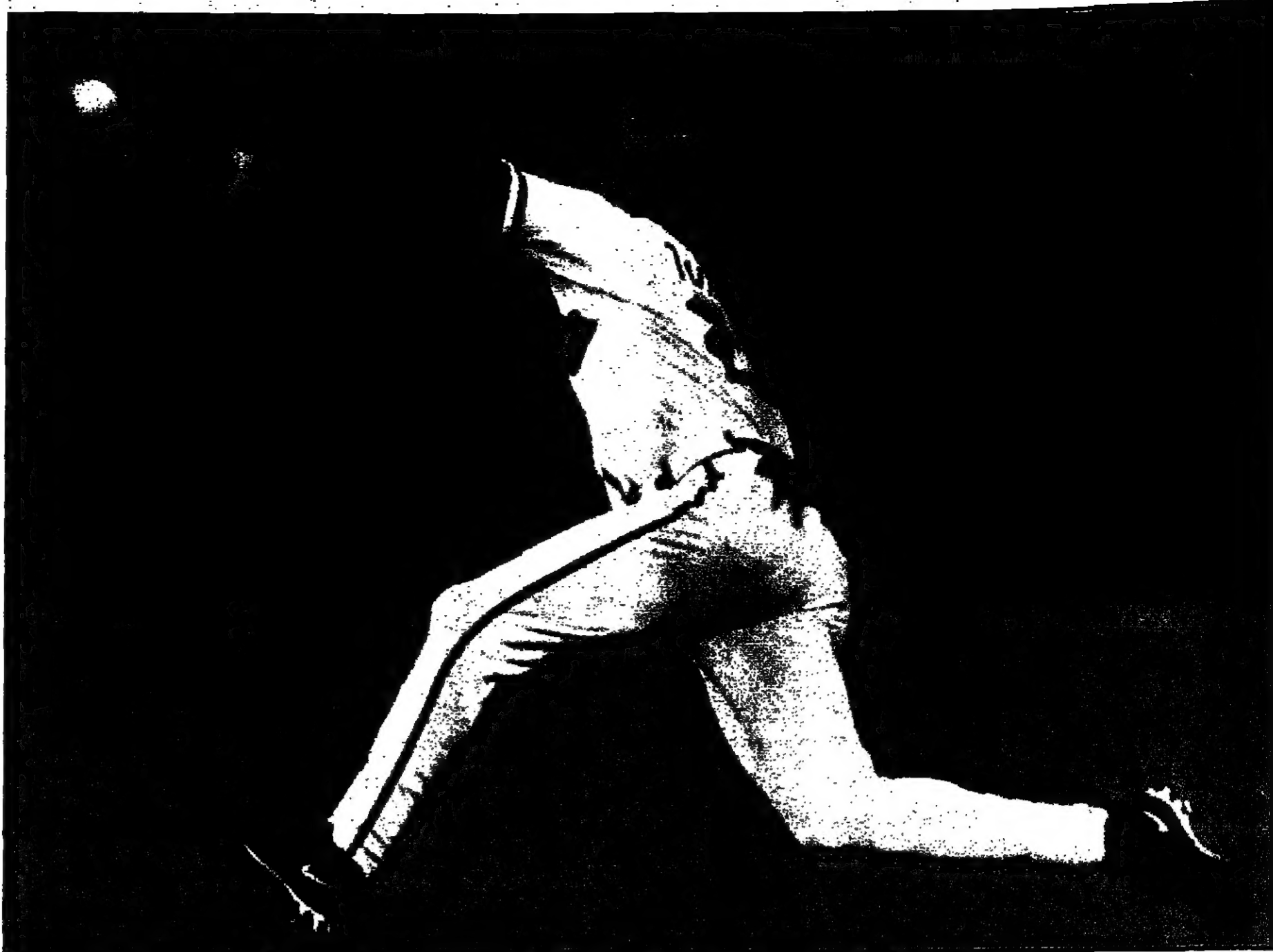
One shop-owner in evidence on Saturday was Mohammed Fayed, proprietor of that well-known corner store Harrods, who was at Craven Cottage on Saturday to see his new toy Fulham FC start their Second Division season with a 1-0 win over Wrexham. Nearly 9,000 fans turned up, some wearing a fez, to salute the man who has been described as the savior to take Fulham to the Premiership.

There's a long way to go, and next Saturday, it's back to bread-and-butter for Fulham, as they travel to Walsall. It will be interesting to see whether Fayed will be on the team bus. With all the hype surrounding the foreign players, (on the opening day of the season in 1992/77 percent of the players were British, on Saturday, the number was down to just 54%).

There was a great deal of anti-climax at Elland Road on Saturday in the Leeds-Arsenal game. All four of Arsenal's Frenchmen were booked and the visiting fans must have been wondering how Arsene Wenger was persuaded to part with £6 million of the club's money for Marc Overmars when they could have upped the stakes over Leeds for the Dutch striker Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink who scored a beauty for the Leeds equalizer. Hasselbaink has had special dispensation from the FA to be named 'Jimmy' — good for sports sub editors, but bad for the Leeds club shop where players' names on the backs of shirts cost a cool £1 per letter.

The most romantic story of the day came at Macclesfield where the League's newest team started with a 2-1 victory over Torquay. The game started 15 minutes late as the near 3,500 capacity crowd took their places. At the other end of the football hierarchy, newly-promoted Barnsley showed Premiership nerves by letting a goal lead slip against West Ham for whom Eyal Berkovic made a less-than-suspicious debut, eventually being substituted by Frank Lampard.

Finally to Middlesbrough where Fabrizio Ravaneli's late winner saved the day as his team struggled to beat Charlton Athletic. Bryan Robson described Boro's first-half performance as the worst he had seen in his side play. But as one tabloid had it, "Boro beaten? not on your Nellie."



WINNING PLAY — Atlanta Braves right fielder Michael Tucker catches a line drive off the bat of Florida Marlins' Charles Johnson saving a run in the second inning at Turner Field. Atlanta won 2-1. (Reuters)

## Braves pull clear of NL East rivals

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves gained some breathing room in the NL East, beating the Florida Marlins 2-1 Monday night when Danny Bautista's bases-loaded sacrifice fly brought home the winning run in the ninth.

The Marlins, who have an 8-4 advantage over the NL champions this year, left Atlanta 5 1/2 games behind the Braves after splitting a four-game series contested in a playoff-like atmosphere at Turner Field.

Felix Heredia (4-2) walked Ryan Klesko to lead off the ninth, Mark Lemke bunted the runner over and Javy Lopez was walked intentionally. Jay Powell then walked Tony Graffanino walked to load the bases, and Bautista flied to right fielder Gary Sheffield, whose throw to the plate was high.

Adrian's Greg Maddux, in his first start since signing a five-year, \$57.5 million contract extension Sunday, allowed five hits and one run over eight innings. Mark Wohlers (4-4) pitched the ninth for the victory.

Astros 8, Mets 3

In New York, Jeff Bagwell, whose support helped Pete Harnisch come back from clinical depression, homered and doubled off his friend as Houston beat

New York for its third straight victory.

Harnisch (0-1) struggled in his second start since coming back from the illness that had sidelined him since opening day.

He allowed eight runs and 10 hits — seven for extra bases — in only 4 2/3 innings.

Bagwell hit his 32nd homer in the first inning. New York's Todd Hundley and Carl Everett homered off Astros starter Ramon Garcia (5-8).

Dodgers 2, Cubs 1 In Los Angeles, Chan Ho Park, coming off the worst outing of his career, pitched a four-hitter.

Park (11-6), the first Korean born pitcher in the majors, allowed only one runner as far as second base through the first seven innings. The right-hander struck out seven and walked one in getting his first complete game in his 33rd start.

Park lost a bid for his first shutout when former Dodger Dave Hansen hit a pinch homer in the eighth inning.

Yankees 11, Twins 6

In Minneapolis, Tino Martinez hit his major league-leading 38th homer, as New York pounded slumping Minnesota with a season-high 21 hits.

Martinez's three-run drive in the

fourth inning gave him the most homers by a Yankee first baseman since Lou Gehrig hit 49 in 1936. He added an RBI single in sixth to raise his AL-best RBI total to 108.

The Yankees, 21-10 since the All-Star break, moved within 4 1/2 games of first-place Baltimore in the AL East. They have won 11 of their last 14 games and are 69-47, the world champions same record through 116 games last year.

Chad Curtis, who hit a grand slam in Sunday's game, had a career-high five hits, including two doubles. Curtis, who has seven consecutive hits, is 10-for-16 in his last three games.

Mariners 11, Brewers 1

In Seattle, Jamie Moyer held Milwaukee to three hits in seven innings and Jay Buhner drove in four runs as Seattle routed Milwaukee to move into a first-place tie with Anaheim in the AL West.

Buhner's 27th homer, a three-run shot, capped a five-run sixth inning that gave Seattle an 11-1 lead. Dan Wilson went 3-for-5 with three RBIs, Ken Griffey Jr. was 3-for-4 with two RBIs, and Alex Rodriguez, who started the game in a 2-for-24 slump, went 2-for-5 with two RBIs.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Blue Jays 8, Tigers 2

In Toronto, Pat Hentgen pitched eight strong innings and Benito Santiago hit a grand slam Monday night to power the Toronto Blue Jays to an 8-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Hentgen (13-7) allowed seven hits, struck out two and walked one in winning his fourth straight decision. The right-hander, who leads the AL with eight complete games, is 6-0 against the Tigers the past two seasons.

Santiago's grand slam off Mike Myers in the eighth was his ninth homer this season and sixth career grand slam.

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	72	41	.637	—
New York	69	47	.595	4 1/2
Boston	58	61	.487	17
Toronto	56	60	.483	17 1/2
Detroit	55	61	.474	18 1/2
Central Division				
Cleveland	58	55	.513	—
Chicago	56	59	.487	3
Milwaukee	56	60	.483	3 1/2
Minnesota	51	66	.436	8
Kansas City	48	68	.421	10 1/2
West Division				
Anaheim	66	51	.564	—
Seattle	66	51	.564	—
Texas	58	62	.475	10 1/2
Oakland	47	72	.395	20
San Diego	47	72	.395	20

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### Rangers 8, Red Sox 3

In Boston, Benji Gil hit a three-run homer for his first career hit in Fenway Park, then added two singles to lead Texas past Boston.

Gil struck out in the first to drop to 0-for-21 lifetime in Boston, and had just three hits in his previous 17 games before hitting his fifth homer of the year to make it 6-2 in the fourth inning.

Darren Oliver (9-10) scattered nine hits to earn his sixth victory in his last seven decisions. Tim Wakefield (6-14) took the loss, allowing five earned runs and eight hits in four innings.

John Valentin homered in the first inning for Boston.

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	75	45	.625	—
Florida	68	49	.581	5 1/2
New York	65	52	.558	8 1/2
Montreal	60	58	.517	13
Philadelphia	40	75	.345	32 1/2
Central Division				
Houston	64	55	.538	—
Pittsburgh	57	61	.483	6 1/2
St. Louis	53	64	.453	10
Cincinnati	51	65	.440	11 1/2
Chicago	47	72	.395	17
West Division				
San Francisco	65	53	.555	—
Los Angeles	64	54	.542	1 1/2
Oakland	57	62	.479	8
San Diego	56	62	.475	8 1/2

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## Johansson says time for European to run FIFA

BELGRADE (Reuters) — UEFA president Lennart Johansson said on Monday it was time a European run world soccer and suggested outgoing FIFA boss Joao Havelange owed him an explanation for recent remarks.

"I admire Havelange for what he has done for world soccer in 25 years. But times have changed and the FIFA presidency should return to Europe," Johansson said.

The Swede has already declared himself as Europe's candidate to replace Havelange when the 80-year-old Brazilian steps down as FIFA head next year.

Havelange has made no secret that he does not back Johansson's bid and said last month that Argentine soccer federation president Julio Grondona would be a good candidate to replace him.

"We must fight, especially against European countries who want to place their candidates at the helm of world soccer," he was quoted as saying at the time.

Johansson said he had no problems with Havelange despite media reports suggesting animosity.

"Havelange has always treated me correctly. But I have read certain statements which — if they

are true — he will have to explain," said Johansson.

He said that although European soccer greats such as Michel Platini and Franz Beckenbauer had been mentioned as possible opponents for the FIFA job, all had backed him publicly.

"If anyone wants to challenge me, they will have to start now, otherwise it will be too late," said Johansson. "I like fighting." The Swede was in Belgrade at the invitation of the Yugoslav soccer federation on a visit intended primarily to improve relations between the national federation and the European governing body.

Johansson is resented by many local soccer fans as the man responsible for ousting Yugoslavia from the 1992 European championship in Sweden, a decision which allowed Denmark to enter and win.

Johansson also reiterated UEFA's decision to allow only one national soccer federation in Bosnia.

"Teams from the three (ethnic communities) in Bosnia can play in their own regions, but they must also play among each other and choose one winner."

"As long as they don't obey this, they are not welcome in the UEFA cups," said Johansson, adding the problem could be resolved at a meeting next week.

## Lewis attacks softening of drugs bans

By ADRIAN WARMER

ZURICH — Carl Lewis on Monday attacked athletics chiefs for softening their penalties on drug cheats and warned that the sport was heading in the wrong direction.

Lewis said track and field's governing body, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), had picked the wrong time to cut its bans for serious drugs like steroids from four to two years because of legal problems.

"At a time when everybody thinks the sport is dirty... What's the message?" the nine-times Olympic champion said before today's Zurich Weltklasse meeting.

"They (the cheats) know that they can come back before the next (Olympic) Games (after a two-year ban). I am not comfortable with the direction of track and field." The IAAF voted to abandon four-year bans just before this month's world championships in Athens because they were widely regarded as being too harsh under restraint of trade legislation and athletes could go to court and win.

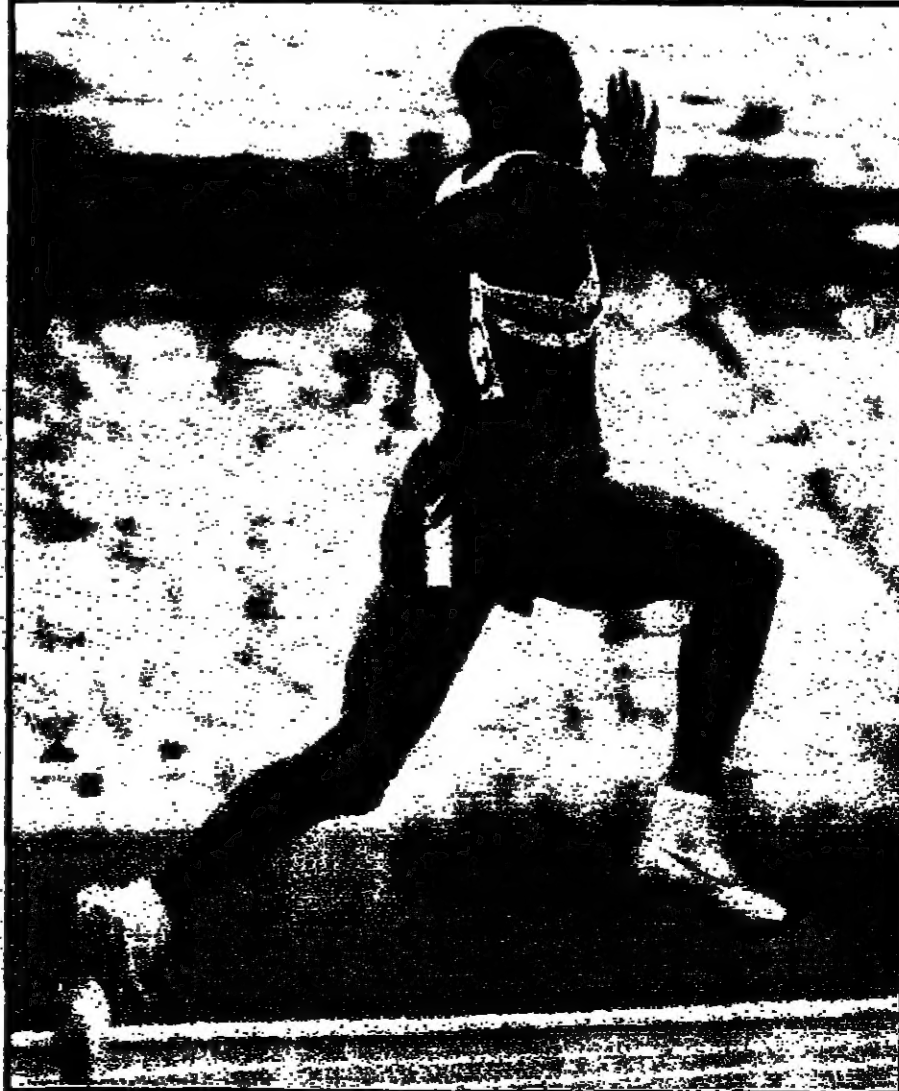
The move has been attacked by some top athletes including Britain's former Olympic 100 metres champion Linford Christie.

The Athens championships showed that some athletes are still trying to cheat their way to glory. Five tested positive for banned drugs at the event, including two medalists.

The 36-year-old Lewis, the most successful and popular figure in the sport, says he does not plan to take on an official role in US athletics when he retires from racing next month.

"They are not addressing the drug problem properly. They are not promoting the sport properly," Lewis said. "I am going to be doing things for young people but not under the auspices of the IAAF or USA Track and Field (the national federation)."

But he added: "I have had a great time, made a lot of money and retired with an Olympic medal. I love the sport." Lewis plans to be involved in projects to encourage



ALL-TIME GREAT — Carl Lewis says cheating is becoming 'acceptable' again.

children to take up physical exercise after he runs his final race on September 13 in Houston where he went to university.

But first there is the most lucrative meeting of the athletics season in Zurich to contend with.

The reigning Olympic long jump champion and his manager Joe Douglas have often been at odds with the US national federation over the years because they feel the sport has not been run properly in the country.

Despite the success of athletes like Lewis and double Olympic champion Michael Johnson and the enthusiastic crowds at last year's Atlanta Olympics, track and field is struggling to compete with other sports in the US.

It does not enjoy the same popularity as it does in Europe and there are no US meetings close to matching the big money of the Weltklasse where a world record is worth \$50,000 and major athletes can earn around \$80,000 just for turning up.

Lewis is running the 100 metres in Zurich but is not due to compete against the likes of newly-crowned world champion Maurice Greene and Canada's Olympic champion Donovan Bailey.

Organizers said they expected the Canadian to run despite hurting a groin muscle in the sprint relay in Athens on Sunday.

Lewis, a former 100 metres world record holder who effectively gave up top-class athletics after his long jump triumph in Atlanta, said he did not mind missing out on the big races.

"Been there. Done that," he said. "I am looking forward to retiring and the next phase of my life. I am ready to retire."

Lewis is leaving the sport at the same time as Christie who announced at the weekend that he was finally quitting after several false starts at leaving the game.

"I hope he is happy with the decision," Lewis said.

"He was one of my fiercest competitors and I have a lot of respect for him." (Reuters)







# Klinghoffer daughters settle with PLO

By MARILYN HENRY

The PLO has reached an "amicable" settlement with the daughters of Leon Klinghoffer a dozen years after his slaying in the Achille Lauro hijacking, and just before the \$1.9 billion lawsuit was set to go to trial in New York.

The settlement, for an undis-

closed sum, was approved last week by US District Court Judge Louis Stanton in Manhattan, *The New York Times* reported yesterday.

Klinghoffer's daughters, Ilse and Lisa, were "pleased that the long-standing litigation has been settled amicably," a family spokesman told the *Times*.

The PLO admitted no wrong-

doing. It maintained that the 1985 commandeering of the Italian cruise liner off the Egyptian coast, and murder of 69-year-old wheelchair-bound Klinghoffer, a tourist from New York, was the work of a rebel faction over which PLO leader Yasser Arafat had no control. Abu Abbas, head of the Palestine Liberation Front, was convicted

in absentia in Italy of masterminding the hijacking.

Klinghoffer and his wife, Marilyn, were among 300 passengers held hostage on the ship. He was shot to death by a hijacker, who also tossed the body overboard. Mrs. Klinghoffer died of cancer a year later.

Klinghoffer's daughters sued the PLO for financial compensa-

tion and the trial was scheduled to start in several weeks.

The Klinghoffers had reached agreement in principle in January 1996 with the PLO for a settlement that would have created a peace studies institute to memorialize Klinghoffer and other victims of Middle East violence. The plan fell through because of complications in peace talks at

the time, Ramsey Clark, the PLO's lawyer, told the *Times*.

"Finally, I think it was just decided to go ahead and see if an outright settlement was possible," he said. The court rejected the PLO's argument that it was a sovereign state and therefore could not be sued in the US, and also rebuffed efforts by Arafat to avoid giving a deposition.

## IDF indicts Noam Friedman for attempted murder

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Noam Friedman was indicted yesterday by the Central District Military Court for attempted murder, mutiny, and attempt to suborn murder.

The charges stem from an incident January 1, when Friedman, 22, a soldier from Ma'aleh Adumim serving in a logistical unit based near Jerusalem, fired about 20 bullets into the Hebron casbah, before being wrestled to the ground and subdued by a Nahal officer and two soldiers.

Six Palestinians were wounded, two of them seriously. Friedman said he was attempting to scuttle the planned redeployment from Hebron.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat at the time and condemned the attack as an act that repulsed every person of conscience.

IDF psychiatrists had ruled that Friedman was insane at the time of the shooting and unfit to stand trial. He was discharged from the army and had been held in the Kfar Shaul Psychiatric Hospital in Jerusalem, which allowed him out to attend yeshiva classes and to visit his home.

Friedman was committed to the closed ward from January 31 to June 29, then transferred to an open ward for continued treatment over the past six weeks. A new psychiatric evaluation submitted to the military court on Monday found him competent to stand trial.

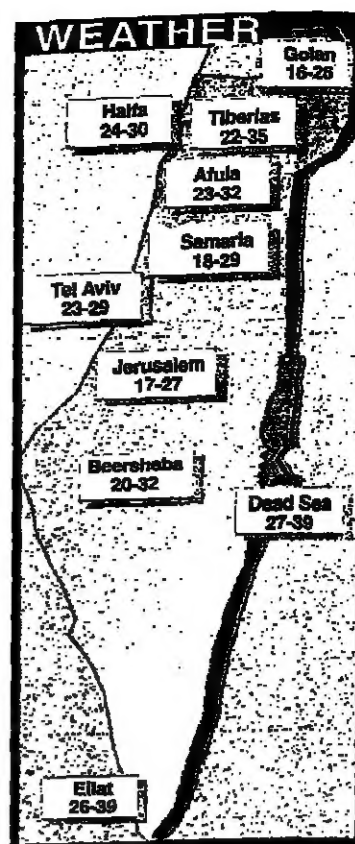
Even though he is now a civilian, Friedman is liable to trial in a military court for his actions as a soldier.

The main charge against him states that Friedman opened fire "in the center of the city of Hebron with the purpose of causing the deaths of Arabs."

The indictment also notes that he is still considered to be dangerous, "although the strength of this danger has been moderated by hospitalization and medical treatment."

Nonetheless, the court issued a writ of commitment, "in light of Friedman's dangerousness, which apparently has been demonstrated by the acts described in the indictment, and in view of the defendant's continuing illness."

The prosecution agreed for Friedman to continue to be confined at Kfar Shaul during the proceedings against him.



### AROUND THE WORLD

Location	Temp	Forecast
Amsterdam	18-24	clear
Berlin	15-20	clear
Brussels	15-20	clear
Geneva	15-20	clear
London	15-20	clear
Madrid	15-20	clear
Moscow	15-20	clear
New York	15-20	clear
Paris	15-20	clear
Rome	15-20	clear
Sydney	15-20	clear
Tokyo	15-20	clear
Vienna	15-20	clear
Zurich	15-20	clear

### Winning cards

In yesterday's first daily Chance draw, the winning cards were the king of spades, 7 of hearts, queen of diamonds and 8 of clubs. In the second Chance draw, the winning cards were the 10 of spades, jack of hearts, king of diamonds, and the ace of clubs.



Tsafi Adourian is comforted by her two sons during the funeral yesterday of her husband, Eli Adourian, in Kfar Adumim. (Reuters)

## 14th Mahaneh Yehuda victim buried

Eli Adourian, the 14th victim of the July 30 Mahaneh Yehuda suicide bombing, was buried yesterday in his hometown of Kfar Adumim.

Adourian, 49, who sold vegetables in the Jerusalem market, died Monday after his lungs collapsed.

Hundreds of people attended his funeral, including OC Central Command Uzi Dayan

and Third Way MK Emmanuel Zisman.

"You had strength of character that is very rarely seen, someone whose voice is heard even after you have left us," his brother Eli said. "I saw you build your life, piece by piece, the end found you."

Rabbi Gavriel Goldman, the rabbi of Kfar Adumim, said, "On Tisha Be'av, the grief of Jewish people mixes with personal grief."

Mourning touches mourning, blood touches blood.

"You were a man of truth who always sought answers and weighed things, but you always invested in your learning and in raising your children."

Adourian left a wife, two sons, and two daughters. (Ibm)

## Group petitions High Court against Siso's posting to NY

By BAT-SHEVA TSUR

The Movement for Quality Government has petitioned the High Court of Justice in an attempt to prevent Shmuel Siso taking up the post of consul-general in New York.

He is due to leave for New York this week.

Siso, the mayor of Kiryat Yam, is a close political associate of Foreign Minister David Levy. His appointment was confirmed only last week, after being held up since his nomination in March, amid criticism that the

super-sensitive New York post requires a candidate with a better knowledge of English.

Siso's appointment was accompanied by a number of substantive and procedural defects, the petition claims. It asks the court to order Levy to cancel the appointment and seeks an interim injunction preventing Siso from assuming the post.

The petition notes that the civil service commissioner opposed the appointment. It was not discussed by the commission that deals with senior appointments and the cabinet was not informed of the

appointment a week before its debate on the approval, as required by law, the petition states.

Moreover, the committee which approves appointments from outside the foreign service had earlier disqualified Siso from serving in a less sensitive diplomatic post, the petition says.

"This is a purely political appointment of a person who lacks the relevant qualifications for one of the most important and sensitive diplomatic positions... and it is totally unreasonable," the petition adds.

## Broza posts NIS 300,000 bond for alleged tax evasion

Folk singer David Broza was brought to court yesterday for approval of bond for alleged tax evasion, which the judge reduced after finding it excessive.

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge George Kara said the bond of NIS 350,000 which Broza was asked to post was unnecessarily high, and reduced it to NIS 300,000.

"Presumably Broza wouldn't have absconded from the law even if he had posted a bond of NIS 50,000 less," the judge said.

The authorities say the 42-year-old Broza owes NIS 25,000 on earnings of some NIS 100,000 while abroad.

Senior Inspector Baruch Yitzhaki alleged that Broza had deliberately failed to accurately report his income.

Broza's attorney, Lior Epstein, denied the charges. He said his client has been negotiating the issue with the authorities for a year and has not been beyond their reach. (Ibm)

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France	All day	NIS 1.35	NIS 1.15	NIS 1.01
Belgium	All day	NIS 1.23	NIS 1.04	NIS 0.92
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Norway	All day	NIS 1.04	NIS 1.04	NIS 0.92
Sweden	All day	NIS 1.04	NIS 1.04	NIS 0.92
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Spain	All day	NIS 1.35	NIS 1.15	NIS 1.01
Austria	All day	NIS 1.23	NIS 1.04	NIS 0.92
Switzerland	All day	NIS 1.35	NIS 1.15	NIS 1.01
Greece	All day	NIS 1.23	NIS 1.04	NIS 0.92
Russia	All day	NIS 1.70	NIS 1.44	NIS 1.27
Ukraine	All day	NIS 1.74	NIS 1.49	NIS 1.31
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